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1952

Chelsea, Vermont

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Chelsea, Vermont

Year Ending December 31, 1952

Including the
Original Charter of Turnersburgh
(Chelsea)

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TOWN OFFICERS 1952 - 1953

Moderator,		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk,		Esther E. Smith
Town Treasurer,		Esther E. Smith
Selectmen,	Dean H. Gilman,	Term expires 1953
	Walter L. Kennedy,	Term expires 1954
	Angier M. J. Edwards,	Term expires 1955
Overseer of Poor,		Selectmen
Road Commissioner,		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes,		W. S. Gilman
Listers,	Everett F. Spear,	Term expires 1953
	Berthold C. Coburn,	Term expires 1954
	George Edwards,	Term expires 1955
School Directors,	Mrs. Inez Rowell,	Term expires 1953
	Franklin D. Burbank,	Term expires 1954
	I. S. Rushworth,	Term expires 1955
Auditors,	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.*	Term expires 1953
	Mrs. Alberta G. Dacier,	Term expires 1954
	David C. Gilman,	Term expires 1955
1st Constable,		Frederick D. Cahill
2nd. Constable,		John C. Rowell
Trustees of Public Money,	Mrs. Allen Crouse,	Term expires 1953
	Harry L. Hayward,	Term expires 1954
	Frank W. Button,	Term expires 1955
Trustees of Public Library,	Mrs. Martha Ordway,	Term expires 1953
	Esther E. Smith,	Term expires 1954
	Rachel Comstock,	Term expires 1955
	O. Fay Allen, Jr,.	Term expires 1956
	M. S. Bicknell,	Term expires 1957
Superintendent of Schools,		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board,		I. S. Rushworth
Town Grand Jurors,	O. Fay Allen, Jr., William Roberts	
Town Agent,		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber,		James B. Wilkinson
Fence Viewers,	George P. Bradshaw, Sabin T. Densmore	
Weigher of Coal,		Henry F. Gate
Cemetery Commissioners,	Esther E. Smith,	Term expires 1953
	E. Harold Colby,	Term expires 1954
	Stanley C. Wilson,	Term expires 1955
	Edward B. Hatch,	Term expires 1956
	Percy J. Heath,	Term expires 1957

* Appointed

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THE CHARTER OF TURNERSBURGH

The Governor, Council, and General Assembly of the Representatives of the Freemen of Vermont, To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE that whereas Bela Tuurner Esquire and his associates our worthy Friends have by petition requested a Grant of a Tract of unappropriated Lands within this State, in order for settling a New Plantition to be erected into a Township, We have therefore Thought fit for the due encouragement of their Laudable designs, and for other Valuable Considerations us hereunto Moving, and do by these Presents in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of Vermont give and Grant the Tract of Land hereafter discribed and bounded unto the said Bela Turner and the Several persons hereafter Named his associates viz His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq, Benjamin Huntington Esq, Doct. Philip Turner Esq, Capt. Andrew Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Solomon Perkins, Capt. Simeon Carew, Capt. Joseph Carew, Zephaniah Huntington, Doct. Joseph Perkins, Levi Huntington, Joseph Carpenter, Erastus Perkins, Prosper Whitman, Perez Tracy, Benjamin Tracy, Peter Lathan, Doctor Elisha Tracy, Doctor Philiman Tracy, John Turner, William Pitt, Jr., Bela Turner, Jr, Capt. Jared Tracy, Amasa Smith, Ezra Stiles Esq, Amos Robinson, Captain Elisha Burton, John Wheatley Esq, Daniel Wells, Elisha Lothrop Esq, Benjamin Perkins, Capt. John Chapman, William Doughlas, Caleb Doughlas, Samuel Doughlas, Joshua Huntington, Barnabas Morse, Asa Utley, William Utley, Nathaniel Wheatley, Ebenezer Curtis, Edmund Hodges, Benjamin Dana, Judah Dana, Thomas Mattison, William Ward (of Shaftsbury) John Lascel, George Doughlas, Doughlas Chapman, John Chapman, Jr., Richard Chapman, Charles, Hill, Charles Sazton, Clap Sumner, Elijah Dewey Jr, Terry Doughlas, Levi Hyde, Joseph Martin, Nathan Durkee, Asa Edgerton, Hiver Griswold, Daniel Hough, John Woodward, Moses Robinson, John House, John W. Dana, Timothy Brownson, Noadiah Bissel, Benjamin Giles, and Simeon Peck; Together with five equal Shares or Rights to be appropriated to the Public uses following, viz one share or Right for the use of a Seminary or College within this State; one share or Right for the use of the County Grammer Schools throughout this State; One share or Right for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in

said Township, to be disposed of for that purpose as the Inhabitents thereof shall direct; One share or Right for the Support of the Ministry, and one share or right for the Benifit of a School or Schools within said Township; The following Tract or Parcel of Land Bounded as Followeth, viz BEGINNING. (at the North west Corner of Vershire, Then Southerly in the Line of Vershire to an angle thereof being the Northeasterly corner of Tunbridge, Then westerly in the line of Tunbridge to an angle thereof, Then Northerly until Turning south 57 D East will Strike the bounds began at and Containing Twenty three Thousand and Forty acres.) And that the same be and is hereby Incorporated into a Township by the name of **TURNERSBURGH**, and the Inhabitents that do or shall hereafter inhabit said Township are declared to be infranchised and intitled to all the Priviledges & Immunities that other Towns within this State do by Law exercise and Enjoy. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said granted premises as above expressed with all the Priviledges & appurtenences thereunto belonging to them and their Respective Heirs & assigns forever under the following conditions & reservations viz that each respective proprietor of said Township of Turnersburgh his heirs or assigns shall plant & cultivate Five acres of Land and build an house at least Eighteen feet square on the Floor, or have one Family Settled on each respective share or right of Land is said Township, within the Term of Four years next after the Circumstances of the War will admit of it with Safety on the pain of the Forfieture of his respective share or Right of Land in said Township, and the same to revert to the Freemen of this State, to be by their Representatives Regranted to such Persons as shall appear to Settle and Cultivate the same; THAT all Pine Timber suitable for a Navy shall be reserved to and for the use and Benifit of the Freemen of this State. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of this State to be affixed hereunto this Fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1781, in the 5th year of the Independence of this State and Sixth of the United States.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN

By His Excellency
Command.
Thomas Tolman D. Secy.

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.

1952

Population 1,024, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highways 86.31, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 6,233.38
Polls, 450	450.00
Total Grand List	$ 6,683.38

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1948	$6,553.94	$5.77
1949	6,560.03	6.00
1950	6,267.35	6.00
1951	6,707.29	6.50
1952	6,683.38	7.50

Total Tax Raised

(School and Old Age Included)

1948	$39,008.00
1949	40,557.67
1950	38,789.11
1951	44,767.97
1952	51,475.74

TOWN ACCOUNT

Assets

(Real Estate and Personal Property not included)

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1953:		
General Town Acct.		$ 3,984.54
State Aid Acct.		410.86
Revolving Medical Fund		63.42
General Highway		17.10
		$ 4,505.92
Uncollected taxes		3,989.01
U. S. War Bonds		45.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm		1,154.66
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's "Black Hawk property"		279.30
Sale Blake property to Ralph Coburn	$600.00	
Paid	100.00	
		500.00
		$ 10,473.89

Liabilities

On notes at bank — Selectmen	$ 17,500.00
On notes at bank — Grader note	7,308.43
Outstanding orders	945.88
	$ 25,754.31
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 15,280.42

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT*

1947	Excess of liabilities over assets	$ 240.41
1948	Excess of liabilities over assets	6,598.40
1949	Excess of liabilities over assets	2,963.26
1950	Excess of liabilities over assets	5,731.48
1951	Excess of liabilities over assets	21,306.42
1952	Excess of liabilities over assets	15,280.42

* Does not include gym note.

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed as per listers' appraisal)

Real Estate—		
Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00	
Garage	1,475.00	
Town Forest	50.00	
Town Hall	10,000.00	
Town Barn	100.00	
		$ 12,685.00
Dental equipment	$ 800.00	
Office equipment	1,100.00	
Town Hall equipment	500.00	
Chains, tools, etc.	150.00	
Tractor and plow	6,000.00	
Barco drill and drills	25.00	
Motor grader, plows and equip.	14,400.00	
		22,975.00
Material and Supplies on Hand—		
Wood at Town Hall	$ 528.00	
Oils, greases and fuel oil	100.00	
Wire ropes	10.00	
Grader blades	300.00	
		938.00
Total		$ 36,598.00

Inventory of School Property

School building in District No. 1	$ 1,000.00
School building in District No. 2	4,000.00
School building in District No. 5	1,000.00

School building in District No. 9	1,000.00	
School building in District No. 8	500.00	
Gymnasium	29,000.00	
Agricultural building	7,750.00	
		44,250.00
Equipment, furniture, etc.		500.00
Books and supplies		500.00
Total		$ 45,250.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

Receipts

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1952		$ 4,763.10
From C. C. Liese, Collector	$ 875.17	
From W. S. Gilman, Collector,		
On 1952 List	48,144.32	
Delinquent taxes	3,210.98	
		52,230.47
From State Treasurer—		
Unselected Highway	$ 8,445.00	
Winter Roads	1,421.50	
State Aid Construction	1,309.19	
Resurfacing Fund	322.00	
Selected Highway (½c gas tax)	3,253.15	
		14,750.84
Money borrowed		15,500.00
Sale of culverts		1,185.78
Hilas Roberts' Trust Fund— School use		1,065.00
Old Colony Trust—electricity		40.00
Old Colony Trust—Upkeep Town Hall		9.00
General Highway overdraft		296.82
Liquor license		37.50
Pool Room license		5.00
Town of Washington		384.10
Town of Vershire		11.80
Sale of Mattoon property		800.00
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.—damage to truck		79.50
Sale of No. 10 school		800.00
Central Vt. Railway Co.—damage on safe		12.50
Sale of hand pump		10.00
General Highway—transfer to books		6,619.52

Town share of resurfacing	161.00
Revolving Medical Fund	987.20
Refunds on Overseer's Acct.	571.29
Dog licenses	394.50
Blake property, (rent $85, payments $100)	185.00
Lease land rent	81.89
Rent of Town Hall	103.00
Bulldozing	1,164.88
Use of Grader	133.00
Sale of gravel	357.71
Sale of wood and lumber	262.41
Bond Interest	5.00
Sale of dynamite caps, lawn mower and cement	9.55
Misc. refunds on telephone, etc.	5.31
Total Receipts	$103,022.73

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's orders—		
General Account	$ 69,731.96	
State Aid	1,509.50	
Unselected Highway	10,022.18	
Selected Highways	4,123.39	
Snow Roads	2,640.80	
Revolving Medical Fund	923.78	
		$ 88,951.61
Paid Road Commissioner's orders		6,686.42
Paid Overseer's orders		2,719.98
Paid bank error		143.80
Paid bank order for interest		15.00
Total Disbursements		$ 98,516.81
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953		$ 4,505.92

Accounts Receivable

Wallace Braman, use of bulldozer	$ 24.75
Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer	15.00
Guy Moxley, use of bulldozer	9.00
Bay State Ice Cream Co., gravel and grading	60.00
Total	$ 108.75

Outstanding Orders

General Account—		
Dec. 17, 1952		
No. 331—Lowell McLeod	$	4.12
Dec. 24, 1952		
No. 345—Al-ans		7.97
Dec. 26, 1952		
No. 346—Naef Hardware		1.36
Dec. 27, 1952		
No. 354—Vermont Tax Department		1.81
Dec. 31, 1952		
No. 363—State Treasurer		11.99
No. 364—Director of Internal Revenue		13.20
No. 368—Ralph Coburn		16.25
Jan. 1, 1953		
No. 369—Walter Kennedy		225.05
No. 370—Walter Kennedy		12.60
Jan. 8, 1953		
No. 374—Town Treasurer		161.00
Jan. 20, 1953		
No. 385—Chelsea School Board		230.45
	$	685.80
General Highway—		
Dec. 31, 1952		
No. 470—George Hayward	$	1.00
No. 471—Alan McCullough		.70
No. 472—Maurice McCullough		.70
No. 473—Dwight McCullough		5.16
No. 475—Director of Internal Revenue		.70
No. 476—State Treasurer		6.63
	$	14.89
State Aid—		
Nov. 15, 1952		
No. 547—State Treasurer	$	.48
Snow Roads—		
Feb. 9, 1952		
No. 200—Kenneth Walker		.88
Dec. 31, 1952		
No. 250—State Treasurer	$	10.96
	$	11.84

Overseer's Account—		
Dec. 20, 1952		
No. 820—Dept. of Social Welfare	$	115.37
Jan. 1, 1953		
No. 821—Walter L. Kennedy		117.50
	$	232.87

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1952

The grand list in 1951 was $6,707.29 which we anticipated would be higher in 1952. Our proposed 1952 tax was based on this assumption. Actually the grand list was lowered to $6,683.38. Consequently, less money was raised to run the current year's business than expected, and the special 40c tax voted to apply to the old indebtedness raised slightly less tax dollars than expected.

In view of the fact that costs are continuing to rise in labor and maintenance, and that the grand list was lowered instead of raised as anticipated; the return of the 1952 tax dollar may not appear to have bettered our financial position greatly.

We have applied the special grader tax of 50c to the grader note, reducing it from $10,646.35 to $7,-301.43. The special indebtedness tax of 40c was applied to past notes of $18,000.00 reducing same by $2,674.55; however, during the current year new notes had to be negotiated bringing the total notes to $17,500.00, or an actual decrease of only $500.00 in total town notes. (This does not include gym note.) To complete the picture, we call attention to the fact that there was $3,366.57 in outstanding orders, representing 1951 business, at the beginning of this year which were paid during 1952, and on the other hand we have only $945.88 in outstanding orders this year.

Taking this into consideration we had liabilities, besides the grader note, at the beginning of 1952 of $21,366.57 and after the close of 1952 business we now have $18,445.88, or a reduction of $2,920.69, besides reduction of the grader note.

Since expenses will not, in all probability, decrease during 1953, the Board of Selectmen recommend that the 1952 tax rate for the Town be voted for 1953. The selectmen are of the opinion that it will be easier to pay indebtedness dollars at this time than during a period of deflation.

The Selectmen would also like to call to the attention of the taxpayers the fine work done by the Chelsea Hometowners in cleaning and painting the entrance hall to the Town Hall, and the chairs in the balcony which were given by them. All of this work has been volunteered by the Hometowners and at their expense.

Respectfully,

D. H. GILMAN,
W. L. KENNEDY,
A. M. G. EDWARDS,
Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$ 2,019.85
Town Hall	2,207.24
Miscellaneous	2,642.33
Tractor	1,114.31
Snow Plow	454.70
Bridges	1,653.02
Loans Paid	19,562.92
Interest Paid	704.57
Streets and Roads	7,317.02
Commons	80.50
Appropriations	1,150.00
Taxes Assessed	2,808.37
Insurance	210.18
Grader	1,221.18
Elections	134.70
School	24,456.83
Gymnasium	1,654.39
	$ 69,392.11

Town Officers

C. C. Liese, Tax Collector	$ 63.20
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector	511.79
Mrs. George A. Dacier, Auditing	48.79
Raymond Rogers, Auditing	43.00
David Gilman, Auditing	52.00
O. Fay Allen, Jr., Town Agent	58.00
O. Fay Allen, Jr., Town Officers' Bonds	62.50
B. C. Coburn, Lister	167.00
George Edwards, Lister	120.00
Everett F. Spear, Lister	44.00
Dr. W. T. Elliot, Health Officer	118.00

Ralph H. Coburn, Health Officer	16.25
Chelsea Job Press, tax forms for collector	16.25
Walter L. Kennedy, highway reports, orders	113.80
A. M. J. Edwards, selectman	43.32
Wilson & Keyser, fees	191.90
Esther E. Smith, Treasurer	125.00
Walter L. Kennedy, services as selectman	225.05
	$ 2,019.85

Town Hall

Ernest Royce, care of hall	$ 471.84
A. C. Coburn, care of hall	154.46
Naef Hardware Co., supplies	38.62
A. F. Sanborn, supplies	32.68
Philip Myers, wood	161.00
Dwight McCullough, haul wood	27.00
C. V. P. S., lights	79.05
Orlando Braman, saw wood	15.75
Charles McCullough, saw wood	20.84
W. S. Gilman, wood and saw wood	79.00
Farnham Brothers, painting	278.73
G. K. Cushman, haul rubbish	11.50
Arthur O. Blanchard, wood	140.00
Alan McCullough, saw wood	9.44
Elmer Pratt, labor	80.17
Lyman A. Russell, Corp., slates	45.00
Rudolph Dukette, labor	19.50
Gladys Kennedy, haul slate from Rutland	12.00
Flint Bros. Lumber Co., bricks	5.03
Forrest Tucker, repair roof	78.45
Oscar Butman, sharpen lawnmowers	4.00
F. Ray Keyser, water rent	6.00
Bellefeuille Electric Service, rewire exit signs	2.00
Treasurer, State of Vermont, taxes	31.81
John Hayward, haul wood	30.00
Edward G. Paul, saw wood	6.69
Winston Rogers, outside painting	162.53
B. C. Coburn, repair and paint fire escape	9.00
Don Ladd, repair and materials	9.25
Reynolds & Son, matting	39.81
O. E. Burgess, labor	2.25
Guy Hardware Co., brooms	12.98
Fred B. Sanborn, repairs	25.80

Allen Dupras, cutting wood		39.00
Chelsea Job Press, supplies		6.75
Robbins & Robbins, supplies		5.38
E. H. Colby, supplies		17.93
David Blakeney, cutting wood and wood		21.00
Ralph O. Lyon, wood		15.00
	$	2,207.24

Primary and Elections

Esther E. Smith, town meeting, primary, elections	$	14.00
D. H. Gilman, ballot clerk		2.00
Jack Kennedy, ballot clerk		2.00
F. D. Cahill, presiding officer at primary and elections		10.00
Marion Grant, Assisting Clerk		8.00
Alice Edwards, Assisting Clerk		8.00
Shirley Bellefeuille, ballot clerk		8.00
Fred B. Sanborn, ballot clerk		8.00
W. H. Hull, ballot clerk		8.00
C. C. Liese, ballot clerk		8.00
Jack Kennedy, Justice to visit absent voters		4.00
S. C. Wilson, Justice to visit absent voters		2.00
P. J. Heath, Justice to visit absent voters		2.00
E. C. Royce, setting up polling booths		3.20
Chelsea Job Press, printing ballots		47.50
	$	134.70

Miscellaneous

A. C. Coburn, posting signs	$	1.50
Lloyd Hill, labor on town garage		70.18
Flint Bros. Lumber Co., materials for garage		75.53
Naef Hardware Co., supplies for town garage		45.93
Robbins & Robbins, supplies for town garage		1.57
Merrill Whitney, rebuilding garage entrance		185.50
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags		10.00
N. E. T. & T. Co., phone service		115.98
A. F. Sanborn, supplies for garage, power mower		116.15
E. E. Smith, postage, making tax notices		44.23

C. V. P. S. Corp., lights	29.30
Chelsea Job Press, town reports, supplies	244.41
Naef & Turgeon, lumber for garage	18.00
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	9.70
Capital City Press, supplies for clerk	3.06
Jack Kennedy, driving bulldozer	14.77
W. S. Gilman, postage on tax notices	14.88
John Hayward, hauling logs	19.50
Dwight McCullough, driving bulldozer	29.42
O. E. Burgess, labor	47.41
Estate of C. B. Fletcher, 5 acre plot adjoining Laird place	60.00
Al-an's, safe and partitions	891.97
C. V. Railway, Inc., freight on safe	85.70
Robert Cahill, painting airway markers, two coats	25.00
Ernest Royce, labor, setting safe	9.65
Angier M. J. Edwards, labor, setting safe	32.00
D. H. Gilman, labor, setting safe	30.20
Leon V. Stevens, care of Town Clock, 16 months	80.00
O. E. Burgess, care of commons	80.50
Guy Moxley, dog damage to sheep	215.00
David Blakeney, removing debris from Old Cemetery bridge	13.00
Dr. W. T. Elliot—9 trips to Chelsea for Monday office hours	90.00
E. H. Colby, supplies	12.79
	$ 2,722.83

Notes and Interest

O. C. Branch Bank, interest paid	$ 704.57
O. C. Branch Bank, loans paid	13,325.45
O. C. Branch Bank, apply on grader note	3,337.92
O. C. Branch Bank, apply on indebtedness	2,674.55
James K. Howe, assignment of Paul mortgage	225.00
	$ 20,267.49

School and Gym

Taxes raised, school	$ 23,391.83
Roberts School Fund	1,065.00
Taxes raised, gymnasium	1,654.39
	$ 26,111.22

Tractor

Dwight McCullough, labor on D-6	$	117.59
Merrill Whitney, welding		15.00
Charles McCullough, labor		3.60
Shell Oil Co., fuel		156.90
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts		431.73
Bauns' Casterine Co., hydraulic oil, 55 gals.		33.64
Walter Paton, labor		18.27
Robert Cahill, labor		11.97
Jack Kennedy, labor		8.61
Lowell McLeod, Inc., reinforcing steel		8.16
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg., Co., engine oil, 55 gals.		53.35
Kennedy's Garage, repairs, parts		157.65
Dessureau's Machine Shop, repairs		10.29
Columbian Steel Co., bulldozer blades		59.15
Reynolds & Son, Inc., bolts		1.87
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., Inc., freight		3.20
Alan McCullough, labor		2.70
A. F. Sanborn, supplies		1.20
Naef Hardware Co., supplies		.65
E. H. Colby, supplies		18.78
	$	1,114.31

Snow Plow

Hathorn's, Inc., welding rods	$	15.88
Roger B. Stanton, welding		12.30
Kennedy's Garage, welding and supplies		125.20
Jack Kennedy, labor and steel		43.43
Alan McCullough, labor		46.80
Orlando Braman, labor		9.39
Dwight McCullough, labor		70.00
Charles McCullough, labor		1.80
George K. Cushman, trip to Barre for gas		5.00
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts		92.31
Reynolds & Son, Inc., cable		25.58
Naef Hardware Co., supplies		2.89
Lowell McLeod, Inc., cap screws		4.12
	$	454.70

Streets and Roads

C. V. P. S., street lighting	$	400.25
Ernest Royce, labor on drain		7.35
Orlando Braman, labor on drain		5.32
Robert Cahill, labor on drain		16.84

Naef Hardware Co., supplies	5.28
O. E. Burgess, labor cemetery approach	4.46
Edward Lafley, two loads fill for drain	8.00
A. C. Coburn, care of bridge lights	4.00
Road Commissioner, 1952 tax	6,619.52
Town Treasurer, town share State Aid Resurfacing	161.00
John Rowell, hauling bulldozer	85.00
	$ 7,317.02

BRIDGES, 1952
(Spear and Fitts Bridges, Included)

George Hayward, 2,468 ft. hemlock	$ 98.72
Edward G. Paul, labor on bridges	75.71
John Hayward, hauling gravel, plank	12.15
Ernest Royce, labor on bridges	24.20
George A. Dacier, sawing plank and plank	349.84
Alfred Boardman, hauling plank	7.00
Carl Downing, hauling logs	37.13
O. E. Burgess, labor	25.20
Linda Croft, 5,305 ft. logs	212.20
Ralph Lyon, labor	504.03
Merrill Whitney, stringers	7.71
Robert Lemery, labor	12.15
Lee Tucker, labor	14.18
Lawrence Allen, labor, use of tractor	14.80
Archie Dupras, labor, stringers	9.15
Kennedy's Garage, use of hoist	19.00
John Rowell, hauling stringers	15.00
D. H. Gilman, labor	170.85
David Blakeney, use of team	12.00
E. H. Colby, spikes, etc.	32.00
	$ 1,653.02

Account of Everett Spear Bridge
(included in Bridges above)

Dacier Co., stringer	$ 11.00
Jack Kennedy, hoist and cutting steel	15.00
Ralph Lyon, building bridge	500.00
1,057 ft. bridge plank	68.71
John Rowell, hauling stringers	15.00
Bulldozing, grade and fill	25.00
Edward G. Paul, labor	7.20

E. H. Colby, nails, etc.		12.00
	$	653.91

Account of Fitts Bridge
(included in Bridges above)

A. Boardman, hauling plank	$	4.00
Merrill Whitney, 514 ft. stringers		7.71
Lawrence Allen, labor, use of tractor		14.80
Town of Chelsea, 1,800 ft. plank		117.00
Edward G. Paul, labor		13.05
Robert Lemery, labor		5.85
Ralph Lyon, labor		6.30
Lee Tucker, labor		14.40
D. H. Gilman, labor		22.00
	$	205.11

Insurance, 1952

O. Fay Allen, Jr., tractor insurance	$	48.64
Farm Bureau, grader insurance		57.54
O. Fay Allen, Jr., town hall insurance		41.60
F. Ray Keyser, town hall insurance		41.60
M. Gordon Colby, town hall insurance		20.80
	$	210.18

Motor Grader

H. F. Gates, gas	$	260.92
Dwight McCullough, labor		29.25
Interstate Equipment Co., parts		227.10
Bailey Bros., parts		2.90
Treasurer, State of Vt., 25 sets grader blades		300.00
Merrill Whitney, welding		40.50
Alton Felch, gas		2.85
A. F. Sanborn, supplies		11.38
Guy H. Ladd, freight on blades		4.50
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., freight on blades		2.57
Shell Oil Co., gas for grader		201.59
Kennedy's Garage, repairs		19.50
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co., engine oil		53.35
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., batteries		38.00
E. H. Colby, gas, supplies		22.77
Harry Hayward, gas		4.00
	$	1,221.18

Appropriations, 1952

Chelsea Public Library	$	500.00
Memorial Day		100.00
Cemetery Appropriation		300.00
Chelsea Fire District		250.00
	$	1,150.00

Taxes, 1952

E. H. Sargent, 2c county tax	$	134.15
United Church, Ministerial right lease land rent		78.00
State Treasurer, highway assessment		810.65
State Treasurer, OAA tax		1,223.10
Vt. Agriculture Extension Service		203.13
George Bradshaw, West Hill church, lease rent		19.50
O. F. Allen, Jr., collector's fees, delinquent taxes		63.42
W. S. Gilman, taxes abated		213.75
State Treasurer, Social Security taxes		46.36
Alberta Dacier, postage		3.71
Walter L. Kennedy, postage		12.60
	$	2,808.37

Revolving Medical Fund Report

The operation of this fund has been again, in 1952, a success. There were 33 orders written from the fund, totaling $923.78, of which $741.40 has been repaid, with efforts for repayment being made in all but one case. We have a collectible balance of $193.78.

Accounts for which no effort has been made for repayment:

1951 John Reed	$	9.00
1952 Elmer Pratt		33.00

It is recommended that the revolving medical fund be continued for another year.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Chairman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highway system comprises 86.31 miles of roads divided as follows: 8.0 miles "state aid" highway. 10.75 miles "state" highway and 67.56 miles "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line. The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Rogers' to the Arthur Bacon place and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

General Highway Account

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Money Available

Town Tax of $1.00	$ 6,619.52
Credit from Leland Jordan	84.00
Total	$ 6,703.52
Total Orders Drawn	6,698.61
Balance	$ 4.91
Warren Hook, labor	$ 36.[illegible]5
Elwin Kendall, labor	74.11
Clarence Kennedy, labor	108.92
Everett LaFrancis, labor	78.46
Dwight McCullough, labor and truck	1,804.20
Maurice McCullough, labor	257.94
Alan McCullough, labor	334.47
Walter Paton, labor	325.77
O. E. Burgess, labor	6.21
Richard Druge, labor	10.00
Ernest Royce, labor	350.98
Charles McCullough, labor	273.53
George Hayward, labor and truck	490.82
Philip Myers, labor	13.30
Arthur O'Donnell, labor	9.00
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor with team	22.40
Mike Kennedy, labor and truck	545.59
Merle Colby, labor and tractor	362.91
Clayton Woodworth, labor	20.38
Warren Mattoon, labor	6.65
George Durkee, labor and tractor	34.64

David Blakeney, labor	11.92
Edgar Downing, labor	31.02
Mark Dunbar, labor	70.40
Richard Woodworth, labor and tractor	31.50
Clyde Hook, labor	104.16
Harry O'Donnell, labor and team	25.25
Robert Cahill, labor	77.58
Roger Gilman, labor	13.80
Allen Dupras, labor	15.13
Alan Carpenter, labor	3.60
E. E. Luce, labor and team	19.70
John Hayward, labor and truck	19.09
Vernon Hook, labor	12.00
Athol Coburn, labor	21.60
Town Treasurer, overdraft 1951	296.82
O. Fay Allen, Jr., bond renewal	5.00
Shell Oil Co., gas for grader	206.97
Amos Giles, gravel	174.50
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	69.54
C. R. Williams, gravel	29.40
State Treasurer, Social Security	103.90
Director of Internal Revenue, Federal WH taxes	87.60
Vt. Tax Dept., State Withholding Tax	8.84
Flint Bros., moving bulldozer	10.00
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	46.67
Chelsea Job Press, order books	1.60
E. H. Colby, supplies	34.39
Total	$ 6,698.61

Unselected Highways

Receipts

State Treasurer	$ 8,445.00
Use of Bulldozer—	
Harry Hayward	24.00
Merrill Whitney	24.00
Sale of gravel—	
Charles Baraw	13.50
Franklin Burbank	54.00
Q. P .Mfg. Co.,	88.20
Town of Washington	13.20
Bay State Ice Cream Co.	56.10
Wallace Braman	39.71
Total Receipts	$ 8,757.71

Overdraft January 1, 1952		—132.85
Net Receipts	$	8,624.86
Orders drawn		8,830.02
Overdrafts January 1, 1953	$	205.16

Orders Drawn

Herbert G. Lyford, repairing roadway	$	15.30
Philip Myers, labor		54.07
Allen Dupras, labor		52.27
Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck		1,514.99
Mike Kennedy, self and truck		2,850.02
George Hayward, self and truck		360.09
John Hayward, self and truck		455.13
Charles McCullough, labor		189.74
Alan McCullough, labor		245.86
Ernest Royce, labor		314.35
Walter Paton, labor		328.73
Jack Kennedy, labor		12.30
Merle G. Colby, labor and tractor		28.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts		978.60
Maurice McCullough, labor		182.16
Frank K. Bailey, cedar posts		7.50
Flint Bros. Lumber Co., wire		20.00
Don Orr, men and truck		373.50
Willard Martin, shovel, truck and men		1,027.65
Duane Avery, self and truck		351.45
Ralph H. Coburn, man and truck		66.00
Warren Whitney, self and truck		184.80
Arthur Beede, self and truck		59.40
O. E. Burgess, labor		85.94
Amos Giles, gravel 5,764 yds.		576.40
F. D. Burbank, land damage		100.00
State Treasurer, Social Security		41.26
Vt. Tax Dept., State Withholding Taxes		10.01
Dir. of Internal Rev., Federal With. taxes		105.50
Town of Chelsea, use of D-6 and grader		804.00
	$	8,830.02

State Aid Highways

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$	150.07
State Treas. (Winter Maintenance)		249.19
State Treas. (Resurfacing Fund No. 2)		322.00
State Treas. (Dust Laying)		140.00

State Treas. (Construction)	920.00
Town of Chelsea, share of No. 2	161.00
	$ 1,942.26
Orders drawn	1,501.88
Balance January 1, 1953	$ 440.38

Orders Drawn

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	$ 127.20
Dwight McCullough, self and trucks	226.58
Ernest Royce, labor	28.35
Walter Paton, labor	16.20
Alan McCullough, labor	33.59
Maurice McCullough, labor	8.10
Charles McCullough, labor	22.34
O. E. Burgess, labor	20.25
Edward G. Paul, labor	10.19
George Hayward, self and truck	135.30
John Hayward, self and truck	94.05
Don Orr, self and truck	87.75
Duane Avery, self and truck	74.25
Mike Kennedy, self and truck	112.20
Warren Whitney, self and truck	74.25
Arthur Beede, self and truck	121.45
Gile Kendall, self and truck	35.10
Willard Martin, shovel, truck and men	209.25
State Treas., social security	.48
Amos Giles, 1650 yds. gravel	165.00
	$ 1,501.88

Snow Roads

Receipts

State Treasurer	$ 1,421.50
Town of Washington	384.10
Town of Vershire	11.80
	$ 1,817.40
Orders drawn	2,552.67
Overdraft January 1, 1953	$ 735.27

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck, etc.	$ 1,067.55
Alan McCullough, labor	213.76
Maurice McCullough, labor	78.00
Charles McCullough, labor	182.50

Dwight McCullough, Jr. labor	18.68
Ernest Royce, labor	48.24
Clarence Kennedy, labor	75.99
Jack Kennedy, labor	151.99
Kenneth O'Donnell, use of team	19.20
George Hayward, labor, use of truck	87.16
Orlando Braman, labor	72.59
Kenneth Walker, labor	34.05
Merle Colby, self and tractor	38.75
A. C. Coburn, labor	4.43
Amos Giles, 89 yds. gravel	8.90
Ralph Coburn, self and truck	26.60
William Reed, labor	9.20
Gary Dodge, labor	9.20
Merton Naef, labor	4.44
Ernest Austin, labor	6.65
Lewis Austin, labor	4.87
Mike Kennedy, self and truck	66.25
Elwin Kennedy, labor	3.54
Athol W. Coburn, labor	19.80
Int. Salt Co., 6 tons salt	123.60
Willis J. Holmes, labor	15.06
Edward G. Paul, labor	12.85
Treas., State of Vt., social security	51.72
Vt. Tax Dept., State withholding taxes	5.15
Coll. of Internal Rev., Federal With. tax	50.70
John Hayward, labor, use of truck	41.25
	$ 2,552.67

Selected Highway
Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1952	$ 12.47
State Treasurer	3,253.15
Bulldozing, George Taylor	6.00
Total	$ 3,271.62
Orders drawn	3,361.41
Overdraft January 1, 1953	$ 89.79

Orders Drawn

L. B. Bowen, 2 rolls wire	$ 19.00
Warren Hook, labor, use of chain saw	193.70
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	828.86
Dwight McCullough, labor, use of trucks	423.25
Ernest Royce, labor	78.73

Walter Paton, labor	102.78
Alan McCullough, labor	78.54
Maurice McCullough, labor	58.57
Charles McCullough, labor	36.40
Willard Martin, use of truck, shovel and men	398.85
Ralph H. Coburn, man and truck	113.85
George H. Hayward, self and truck	135.30
John M. Hayward, self and truck	135.30
Mike Kennedy, self and truck	44.55
Don Orr, men and truck	118.95
Duane Avery, self and truck	90.75
Warren Whitney, self and truck	14.85
O. E. Burgess, labor	24.43
Arthur Beede, self and truck	14.85
Amos Giles, 1,675 yds. gravel	167.50
Warren Hook, balance damages	25.00
Town Treas., use of D-6 and grader	242.50
Treas., State of Vt., social security	5.42
Dir. of Int. Rev., Federal With. tax	4.60
Vermont Tax Dept., State withholding tax	.38
Frank K. Bailey, posts	4.50
	$ 3,361.41

OVERSEER'S REPORT, by Selectmen

Total Orders drawn	$ 2,676.84
Accounts repaid	504.45
Net Expense to Town	$ 2,172.39

Orders Drawn

Walter Underhill		$ 91.17
Melvin Deroleau		185.30
Bert Ashley		65.00
Ralph Merchant		10.00
George Dunbar		8.00
Mahlon Young		15.00
David Blakeney		36.15
Raymond Blakeney		27.45
Walter Kennedy, services		117.50
Dept. of Social Welfare		
Aid for Dependent Children, 1/8 actual cost		453.64
Child Care:		
Dupont Children	$ 628.78	
Claude Dupont, cash		

credit	70.00	
		558.78
Beede Children	$ 799.40	
Sarah Beede, cash credit	125.00	
Clyde Beede, cash credit	70.00	
		604.40
Net Expense to Town		$ 2,172.39

The Overseer's Account is considerably smaller than last year. Of the balance, more than $1,600.00 is paid to Department of Social Welfare and we have no way of reducing it, except by the adoption of children, or by the children earning their own way, and by direct contribution by the parents of such children. In 1952 we have had two of these parents in court, and both sentenced, and all parents of committed children are now contributing. Your Overseer has attempted to recover for the Town some past accounts and much progress has been made, to the extent of complete recovery of one case, and legal action is being taken in another.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 10 persons or families	$ 534.11
Services of Board Members	40.00
Total	$ 574.11

D. H. GILMAN, Chairman

ROBERT'S POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1, 1952—	
In Checking Account	$ 72.90
In Savings Account	23.85
	$ 96.75
Interest on Savings Account	3.70
Received from C. B. Fletcher, Est., refund	78.59
Received from Old Colony Trust Co.	545.00
	$ 724.04

Disbursements

Paid Orders Drawn by Board	542.11
	$ 181.93

Unpaid by Outstanding Order No. 659		32.00
		$ 149.93

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1953—		
In Checking Account	$ 159.38	
Order No. 659, Outstanding	32.00	
		$ 127.38
In Savings Account		22.55
		$ 149.93

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

Mrs. H. G. Woodruff, Lot No. 164	$ 100.00
W. W. Underhill, Lot 62½	100.00
Adams-Scribner, Lots 183 and 184	300.00
Charles and Edwin Prescott, on Lot 49	100.00
Elsie Corwin Est., Lot 91 ¾	100.00
	$ 700.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

J. B. Hill, labor		$ 40.30
W. A. Reed, labor		120.80
Maurice McCullough, labor		36.00
John Osmer, labor		135.45
O. E. Burgess, labor		540.25
Earl Doyle, labor		31.00
Green Mt. Appliance Service, sharpening lawnmowers		6.50
Chelsea Job Press, printing		4.75
Esther E. Smith, serv. as Treas.	$ 20.00	
Esther E. Smith, postage	3.50	
		23.50
E. H. Colby, services as Supt.	$ 35.00	
E. H. Colby, cedar posts, wire fence, etc.	62.45	
		97.45
		$ 1,036.00

TREASURER'S CEMETERY REPORT

Receipts

Balance on Hand January 1, 1952	$ 146.33
Rec'd from Hilas Roberts Cemetery Fund	20.00
Town Appropriation	300.00
Rec'd from City Institution of Savings, interest from Joel Ordway Fund	6.00
Rec'd from individuals for care of lots	254.00
Rec'd from interest on U. S. Bonds	534.13
Total	$ 1,260.46

Disbursements

Paid orders	1,033.00
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1952	$ 227.46
Outstanding Orders:	
Nov. 21, 1952	
No. 793 Earl Doyle	$ 31.00
Dec. 30, 1952	
No. 794 Chelsea Job Press	4.75
No. 795 Esther Smith	23.50
No. 796 E. H. Colby	97.45
	$ 156.70

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

By the Auditors

Total Funds January 1, 1952	$ 22,046.98
Funds added per report and interest	700.79
Total Funds December 31, 1952	$ 22,747.77
These funds are invested as follows:	
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	$ 21,800.00
Savings Acct. in Chelsea Bank	647.77
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.	300.00
	$ 22,747.77

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLAND CEMETERY

The Commissioners of Highland Cemtery respectfully report that during 1952, with the help of the appropriation of $300.00, they built another portion of new fence and kept the cemetery in better condition than has been possible for several years.

With the annual payments by individuals for care of lots, a continued increased in trust funds, and a

helping appropriation, your commissioners hope to catch up on needed work.

We recommend for this year an appropriation of $300.00 to be used for general purposes in Highland Cemetery.

ESTHER E. SMITH,
E. HAROLD COLBY,
STANLEY C. WILSON,
EDWARD B. HATCH,
PERCY J. HEATH,
Comm. of Highland Cemetery

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR CHELSEA WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in bank Jan. 1, 1952	$	33.08
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952		10.01
Rec'd. Interest on U .S. Bonds		45.00
Rec'd. Mrs. Catherine Crouse, care of lot		2.00
Rec'd. Walter McCreedy, lot No. 28		10.00
Rec'd. Alfred H .Dodge, ½ lot No. 39		5.00
Rec'd. Fred B. Sanborn, ½ lot No. 33		5.00
Rec'd. interest on savings account		.57
	$	110.66

Paid George Chase, mowing lawns	$	40.00
Paid H. L. Hayward, labor		5.00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953		27.01
Balance in bank, Jan. 1, 1953		38.65
	$	110.66

Due from Joe Horton on lot No. 4	$	5.00
Due from Everett Eastman on lot No. 29		10.00

HARRY L. HAYWARD,
For Trustees

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance in Savings Acct. Jan. 1, 1952	$	50.30
Rec'd. interest on same		1.48
Rec'd. interest on U. S. Bond No. 14340-27		12.50
	$	64.28

Disbursement for care of Roberts lot		20.00
Balance in Savings Acct. Jan. 1, 1953	$	44.28

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund—$803.36

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952	$	2.74
Interest		20.08
	$	22.82
Paid for labor		22.74
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	.08

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR THE CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952	$	16.65
Interest rec'd. on savings		.40
Interest rec'd. on bonds		12.50
	$	29.55
Paid for labor, trimming trees		6.25
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	23.30

REPORT OF CHELSEA AND ALDEN SPEAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The circulation for the past year was 8,002, an increase of 1,199 over the preceding year.

One hundred thirty-eight books were accessioned during the year. Of these 24 Adult and 21 Juvenile were purchased. The latter included a set of The New Junior Classics.

As gifts 69 Adult and 10 Juvenile were received. Among these were 10 Volumes of The Protographic History of the Civil War; 12 books from the Book Club and 2 from the 5th and 6th grades of the Village school, as well as several individual gifts.

The His'n Hern group gave the following in memory of Mrs. Caroline Stanton: For the Juveniles, "In Woods and Fields," and "In Yards and Gardens," and for the Adult, "A Gallery of American Dogs." Mrs. Frank Ordway gave in memory of her mother, Mrs.

Elizabeth Taylor, "The High Hills Calling" and "A Man Called Peter."

Two hundred thirty Adult and 341 Juvenile books were loaned to us by the Free Public Library Commission.

The Magazine rack is well supplied with purchases and gift material.

Book week was observed in November.

The High School sent four students to the Library last spring for practice work. At this time the volumes were counted and on April 1, there were 8,500 books on the shelves or in circulation.

This library was selected as one of ten libraries in the state to work on the American Heritage program but as there was little interest and no leader it was necessary to decline the invitation.

The librarian represented the library at the Vermont Library Association meeting in September.

The floor was refinished in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS,
Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952	$	61.85
Town appropriation		500.00
Income from Robert's Fund		170.00
Income from Braley Fund		5.00
Income from Stow Fund		40.00
Donation		5.00
Fines and discarded books		17.38
Total Receipts	$	799.23

Expenditures

Librarian and assistant	$	250.00
Books		99.91
Periodicals		34.48
Library Supplies		33.02
P. O. Box, postage and stationery		12.96
Janitor service		91.00
Expense of refinishing floor of library		36.20
Fuel		165.82
Fire insurance premium		24.96
Allowance for Mrs. Stevens to attend two day Library Meeting in Montpelier		9.10

Library Membership to Free Library Commission		1.00
Total Expenditures	$	758.45
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	40.78

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA T. ORDWAY, Treasurer

TAXES ABATED

Town of Chelsea 1952 prop.	$	33.75
Conn. Valley Const. Co., 1949 prop.		120.00
Irving Hood, 1949, 1950, 1951 polls		26.00
William and Mildred Taylor, 1949 and 1950 polls		34.00
	$	213.75

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

183 dogs were licensed, plus a kennel license for 11 dogs, and after fees, were deducted $394.50 was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right

David Blakeney	$	21.00
Waverly L. Root		1.86
David Novick		9.78
Cecil Thompson		10.00
	$	42.64
Rents due and unpaid	$	45.44

Division of Parsonage Right Rentals

United Church	$	39.00
West Hill Church		19.50

Received for School Right Rents

Clinton Burbank	$	4.50
Harold E. Camp		.50
Oliver E. Burgess		1.50
E. Harold Colby (2 years)		1.50
Percy J. Heath		4.75
Richard Kennedy		3.00
Flint Bros. Lumber Co. (2 year)		12.50
Harry W. Armstrong		11.00
	$	39.25

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Principal of Fund—$200.00

U. S. Gov't. Bond No. C 3099260 G and C 3099259 G Inter. $5.00—paid General Town Acct. toward care of commons.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND REPORT

Town appropriated		$ 100.00
Paid out—		
Band	$ 50.00	
Speaker	10.00	
Minister	5.00	
Flags	27.00	
Markers	5.00	
Money orders and stamps	.26	
		97.26
Balance on hand		$ 2.74

ROBERT AINSWORTH, Secretary and Treasurer

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our seventeenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Chelsea on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1952.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained stable for two years but expenditures are larger by reason of increaes in payments to meet increased costs for food, fuel, rents and services. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal Government, 63.3 per cent, State Government 34.8 per cent and Town or City 1.9 per cent. Total administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were 4.1 per cent.

Old Age Assistance	$ 16,621.00
Aid to the Blind	1,684.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,629.00
Aid to the Disabled	107.00
Committed Children	2,822.00
Total	$ 24,863.00

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

The Vermont Department of Health since July 1, 1952 has offered a program which affords an opportunity for all the towns in the State to have some Public Health Nursing Service. Prior to this date, certain towns did not share the benefits of this Service. The offering of a state-wide Public Health Nursing Service has necessitated the need of making it a limited program due to the amounts of funds available for this purpose. This service has been financed entirely by State and Federal Tax Funds. No town contributions are required.

Under the new program, it is necessary for local citizens and school personnel to take the initiative in the developing of their own community health programs with the advice and assistance of the Public Health Nurse.

In addition to assisting with the health program for infants, preschool, and school children, the Public Health Nurse, under the supervision of the family physician, has given services to persons reported with tuberculosis and venereal disease, since the control of these diseases is delegated by law to the Health Department.

This report is for the period of January 1, 1952 through July, 1952. There has not been a public health nurse assigned in your town for the period of August, 1952 through December, 1952.

We will endeavor to resume our promised service as soon as possible.

Infant and Preschool:

39 children were given physical inspections.

Immunization given:

Smallpox—

35 vaccinations
3 revaccinations

Diphtheria-Whooping Cough-Tetanus:

18 first doses
14 completed series and booster doses

Diphtheria-Tetanus:

13 first doses
7 completed series

Tetanus:

0 first doses
0 completed series

School:
0 children were given physical inspections
Immunization given:
Smallpox—
3 vaccinations
0 revaccinations
Diphtheria-Tetanus—
0 first doses
18 completed series
Tetanus—
0 first doses
0 completed series

Chest Clinics are available without charge for persons referred by their physician as being in need of chest X-rays, either because of their physical condition or they have been in contact with known cases of tuberculosis.

Your Public Health Nurse is also available to assist with plans for Civilian Defense, but thus far has not been called upon to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
RUBY C. CARR, R. N.
Public Health Nursing Supervisor

BALANCE SHEET—Jan. 1, 1953
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector

Year	Uncollected Jan. 1, '52	Collected	Abated	Uncollected Jan. 1, '53
1946 Prop.	$ 47.18	$ 47.18	$	$
1947 Prop.	67.75	67.75		
1948 Polls	24.81	24.81		
1948 Prop.	75.90	75.90		
1949 Polls	59.50	34.00	25.50	
1949 Prop.	153.92	33.92	120.00	
1950 Polls	109.50	84.00	25.50	
1950 Prop.	651.65	503.45		148.20
1951 Polls	513.00	473.00	9.00	31.00
1951 Prop.	3,040.53	2,562.14		478.39
1952 Polls	4,725.00	4,249.50		475.50
1952 Prop.	46,750.74	43,861.07	33.75	2,855.92
Totals	$56,219.48	52,016.72	213.75	3,989.01

DELINQUENT TAXES

January 1, 1953

Austin, Irene M. and Ernest G.		
1951 Property	$ 104.00	
1951 Property	39.00	
1952 Property	112.50	
1952 Property	45.00	
		$ 300.50
Austin, Lewis N. and Thelma D.		
1952 Property	$ 7.50	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		28.50
Bearor, Arthur W. and Blanche		
2—1952 Polls		21.00
Bellefeuille, John A. and Shirley—1952 Prop.		114.38
Blanshard, Paul—1952 Property		45.00
Boyd, Annie—1952 Property		77.25
Braman, Orlando—1952 Poll		10.50
Broadwell, James and Faye—2 1952 Polls		21.00
Brown, Jeanne—1951 Poll		9.00
Brown, Harley and Dorothy—2 1952 Polls		21.00
Slack, Gerald—1952 Property		27.50
Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M—1952 Property		45.00
Clark, Earl and Glendora—2 1952 Polls		21.00
Coburn, Albert and Lydia—2 1952 Polls		21.00
Coburn, Ralph and Anna—1952 Property		150.00
Croft, Linda P.		
1952 Property	267.38	
1952 Poll	3.00	
		270.38
DeAlmeida, Lincoln M.—1952 Property		1.88
Downing, Edgar and Lillian		
1951 Property	1.96	
2—1951 Polls	18.00	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		40.96
Downing, Byron—1952 Poll		10.50
Dukette, Rudolph—1952 Poll		10.50
Eastman, Everett and Elizabeth		
1952 Property	21.38	
1952 Poll	10.50	
		31.88
Gardner, John and Ruth		
1951 Property	13.00	

1952 Property	15.00	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		49.00
Griffin, George and Evelyn		
1952 Property	69.00	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		90.00
Hale, Elda—1952 Poll		10.50
Henderson, Grace—1952 Poll		10.50
Hill, Burton and Ella—1952 Property		60.00
Hill, Lloyd and Alice		
1950 Property	9.00	
1951 Property	9.75	
1952 Property	11.25	
1951 Poll	4.00	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		55.00
Hill, Harold—1952 Poll		10.50
Holmes, Hazel D.		
1950 Property	29.98	
1951 Property	97.50	
1952 Property	112.50	
		239.98
Holmes, Robert and Lottie—2, 1952 Polls		21.00
Hook, Warren E.		
1952 Property	99.00	
1952 Poll	10.50	
		109.50
Hopkins, Maude—1952 Property		41.25
Kennedy, Richard and Florence—1951 Prop.		33.00
Kill, Harrison—1952 Property		22.50
Kuchensky, Peter		
1950 Property	33.00	
1951 Property	35.76	
		68.76
LaFrancis, Everett G.		
1951 Property	29.13	
1952 Property	38.68	
		67.76
Mahoney, Robert D.—1952 Property		37.50
Marshall, Keith—1952 Property		114.38
Melvin, Winona Estate—1952 Property		70.00
Moulton, Raymond and Electa		
1952 Property	144.00	

2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		165.00
O'Donnell, Harry and Marion		
1951 Property	27.86	
1952 Property	130.88	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		179.74
O'Donnell, Kenneth A.		
1950 Property	1.22	
1951 Property	87.43	
1952 Poll	10.50	
		99.15
Ordway, Mary D.		
1950 Property	75.00	
1952 Property	127.50	
		202.50
Plant, Raymond—1952 Poll		10.50
Pratt, Elmer and Olive		
1952 Property	120.00	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		141.00
Rathburn, Mary J. heirs—1952 Property		15.00
Renfrew, Josie, Harry and Hilda Collins		
1952 Property		73.88
Root, Waverly—1952 Property		30.00
Ryder, Clifford—1952 Property		112.50
Sanborn, Beatrice A.—1952 Poll		10.50
Stevens, Eldred and Vivian—1952 Property		163.00
Tee Van, Barbara—1952 Property		15.00
Thompson, Cecil and Eva—2, 1952 Polls		21.00
Thomas, Leonard—1952 Property		16.88
Whipple, Winfred and Mabel—1952 Prop.		75.00
Whitehurst, Julius and Evelyn—1952 Prop.		39.00
Winters, Paul and Jennie		
1952 Property	187.50	
2—1952 Polls	21.00	
		208.50
Woodworth, Clayton and Arline—2, 1952 Polls		21.00

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT
For School Year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952
Receipts

Receipts as per Treasurer's book	$ 53,521.55
Less overdraft July 1, 1951	1,147.74
Total Receipts	$ 52,373.81
Orders drawn	50,448.62
Balance	$ 1,925.19

Reconciliation of Balance

Balance as above	$ 1,925.19
Outstanding orders June 30, 1952	1,321.93
Bank balance June 30, 1952	$ 3,247.12

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

Year as of June 30:	
1948 net debt	$ 4,071.13
1949 net debt	3,718.97
1950 net debt	11,158.79
1951 net debt	11,147.74
1952 net debt	11,074.81

Summary of Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	$ 20,629.98
State Teachers' Retirement	1,482.20
Collector of Internal Revenue	2,957.00
Vermont Tax Department	314.38
Superintendent	1,212.58
School Directors	201.37
Janitors	2,140.00
Transportation	3,493.81
Fuel	3,367.87
Repairs	930.78
Supplies	1,538.30
Books	536.87
Lights	640.49
Telephone	120.69
Insurance	377.25
Money repaid and interest	10,156.67
Labor	147.69
Miscellaneous	200.69
	$ 50,448.62

ITEMIZED EXPENSES
July 1 ,1951 to June 30, 1952
Village School

Teachers:		
David W. Shipp	$ 2,545.20	
Bruce A. Gaylord	495.40	
Raymond R. Rogers	539.40	
Frederick Webster	1,196.18	
Ray E. Davison	147.66	
Arthur H. Scott	1,919.90	
Frances Ladd	2,394.20	
Elmer C. Roberts	1,694.44	
Etta B. Giles	1,310.20	
Marietta Churchill	1,368.78	
Ruth Hartwell	1,607.20	
		$ 15,218.56
Music Teachers:		
Mrs. Arline Titus	$ 260.00	
Mrs. Jean Fitts	135.00	
		395.00
Arts and Crafts:		
Mrs. Katherine Corwin	$ 90.00	
Paul Winters	180.00	
		270.00
Janitor:		
Clyde Lyon		2,070.00
Transportation:		
Dwight McCullough	$ 1,463.00	
Glen A. Button	84.20	
Albion Jones	40.80	
Robert Ainsworth	55.77	
J. Gordon Philbrick	33.39	
Edgar Downing	48.00	
Merrill Whitney	129.15	
		1,854.31
Fuel:		
High school bldg. (soft coal, wood, gas)	$ 1,949.35	
Agri. bldg. (nut coal)	345.92	
Gymnasium (oil)	784.14	
		3,079.41
Electricity		510.98
Telephone		120.69
		$ 23,518.95

Meadow Brook School (No. 1)

Teachers:		
Mrs. Bessie Stender	$ 1,368.78	
Mrs. Jean Webster	16.00	
Mrs. Alice Allen	8.00	
		$ 1,392.78
Transportation:		
Vernon N. Hook	$ 855.00	
Julius Whitehurst	19.50	
		$ 874.50
Fuel (oil)		153.46
Electricity		32.76
Total		$ 2,453.50

Barre Road School (No. 5)

Teacher, Mrs. Katherine Whitney	$ 1,664.64
Transportation, Dwight McCullough	765.00
Fuel (wood)	51.00
Janitor, Jane Melvin	35.00
Electricity	78.75
Total	$ 2,594.39

West Hill School (No. 9)

Teacher, Mrs. Beatrice Coburn	$ 1,689.00
Fuel (wood)	84.00
Janitor, Fay Sprague	35.00
Electricity	18.00
Total	$ 1,826.00

All Schools

(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$ 201.37
Superintendent, A. C. Parker	1,212.58
State Teachers' Retirement	1,482.20
Collector of Internal Revenue	2,957.00
Vt. State Tax Department	314.38
Repairs	930.78
Supplies	1,538.30
Books	536.87
Insurance	377.25
Money repaid and interest	10,156.67
Labor	147.69
Miscellaneous	200.69
Total	$ 20,055.78

Summary

Village School	$23,518.95
No. 1	2,453.50
No. 5	2,594.39
No. 9	1,826.00
All schools	20,055.78
	$ 50,448.62

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
For School Year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952
Receipts

Town school tax ($3.30)	$ 22,134.06
State School Aid	13,826.49
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	568.89
Alice Allen, Treas. Arts and Crafts	135.00
State Treasurer, Arts and Crafts	135.00
Notes at bank	13,000.00
Tuitions	1,849.00
Roberts Fund	1,065.00
Gymnasium chair fund	345.50
Veterans' Training program	228.42
Rentals	49.00
Refunds on insurance and telephone	64.74
Sale of lumber	30.00
Sales of paper, typewriter, etc.	90.45
	$ 53,521.55
Less overdraft June 30, 1951	1,147.74
	$ 52,373.81

Disbursements

Total orders paid	$ 49,126.69
Paid orders outstanding July 1, 1951	497.11
Total	$ 49,623.80
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	$ 3,247.12

Outstanding Orders June 30, 1952

No. 33	Bessie Stender	$ 68.20
No. 45	Vt. Ass'n of Teachers of Agriculture	2.25
No. 55	J. Gordon Philbrick	7.77
No. 57	Albion Jones	9.36
No. 67	Ruth Hartwell	160.20
No. 71	A. C. Parker	101.03
No. 74	Washington Electric Co-op.	129.51
No. 75	Vt. Tax Dept.	92.78

No. 76	Collector of Internal Revenue	241.30
No. 77	State Teachers' Retirement	411.68
No. 79	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	10.35
No. 80	Clyde Lyon	87.50
		$ 1,321.93

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1952	$ 3,247.12
Town School Tax	23,161.38
State Treasurer, State Aid	13,287.88
State Treasurer, Vocational	538.92
Insurance Refund	65.55
Rent of gym	2.50
Refunds—insurance, typewriter	10.40
Miscellaneous	6.40
Total Receipts	$ 40,320.15

Disbursements

Total orders paid	$ 30,881.08
Balance on hand December 31, 1952	$ 9,439.07

Outstanding Orders December 31, 1952

No. 301	American Education Press	$ 34.40
No. 307	J. E. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	16.00
No. 315	Gregg Publishing Corp.	2.35
No. 316	Clifford Hartwell	18.00
No. 318	State Teachers' Retirement	732.24
		$ 802.99

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treas.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

Teachers' salaries	$ 7,789.08
Director of Internal Revenue	899.00
Commissioner of Taxes (State tax)	41.02
State Teachers' Retirement System	732.24
Music teachers	288.00
Janitor	1,262.50
Superintendent	627.06
School Directors	13.85
Transportation	2,086.49
Fuel	536.00
Repairs	176.66

Supplies	1,267.10
Text books	734.21
Electricity	133.50
Telephone	57.59
Insurance	538.99
Money repaid and interest on same	13,051.67
Labor	40.02
Miscellaneous	87.16
Total orders drawn	$ 30,362.14

To the Voters:

If proposed legislation is passed giving schools more state aid, and the town's grand list is increased somewhat, our budget can be balanced with the same tax as last year, $3.50. However, in the event any room becomes overcrowded with additional pupils from the proposed boys' home, additional money would have to be raised.

We were not able to renew our contract with the Veterans' Administration after July 1, 1952 due to the small number enrolled. The program has been self supporting and at the close a surplus of $56.58 was returned to the V. A.

INEZ F. ROWELL,
FRANKLIN D. BURBANK,
I. S. RUSHWORTH,
School Directors

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ENSUING YEAR

Teachers' salaries	$ 24,700.00
Janitor	2,600.00
School Directors	250.00
Superintendent	1,325.00
Music	650.00
Transportation	4,600.00
Fuel	3,000.00
Repairs	1,000.00
Supplies	1,600.00
Books	700.00
Electricity	650.00
Telephone	125.00
Insurance	550.00
Labor	100.00
Interest on money	150.00
	$ 42,000.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Treas., School Aid	$ 15,300.00
State Treas., Vocational Education	1,100.00
Tuition	350.00
Roberts Fund	1,250.00
Lease land rent	30.00
Rent of gymnasium	20.00
Town tax of $3.50	23,950.00
	$ 42,000.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and
Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1952, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Three one-teacher schools and one four-teacher elementary school were each maintained for 170 days. The high school was in session for 175 days. The average number of pupils enrolled in the elementary schools was 173 and the average daily attendance was 158.92. One non-resident elementary pupil with an average daily attendance of .93 was enrolled. The average high school enrollment was 63 and the average daily attendance was 59.83. There were eleven non-resident high school pupils enrolled. The average daily attendance of resident high school pupils was 50.4. The average cost per pupil was, for elementary schools $141.77, and for high school $288.04. Thirty-two elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of $80.68 for the year.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 178. One hundred sixty were promoted, four were promoted conditionally, five were not promoted, eight were transferred to other schools, and one dropped out of school. Sixty-six different high school pupils were enrolled. Sixty were promoted, one was promoted conditionally, two were transferred to other schools, and three dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance for all schools for the year was 95.1. Vision and hearing tests were administered by the teachers. Standardized achievement tests indicated that the pupils progressed satisfactorily in their school work.

The necessary books, materials of instruction and equipment have been furnished for the elementary schools. Repair work included the painting of the village school roof, painting of the school lunch room floor, replacement of part of the basement ceiling, and the re-wiring of the Meadow Brook school. There is need for the purchase of several new seats and desks each year because of increasing numbers of pupils. Present estimates indicate that enrollments in two of the village elementary school rooms may exceed forty pupils by the fall of 1953. If this happens, it will be necessary to provide another classroom and employ an additional teacher in order to prevent serious damage to the educational program.

I am grateful to the school directors, parents, teachers, community organizations and townspeople for their helpful interest and generous support of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
A. COURTNEY PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT REPORT
Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952

Repaid borrowed money	$ 1,290.00
Interest paid	301.10
Total orders drawn	$ 1,591.10

FRANKLIN D. BURBANK

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31, 1952

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952	$ 586.42
Refund on interest	3.00
Town tax	1,654.39
Total	$ 2,243.81

Disbursements

Paid 1952 orders	1,591.10
Balance Dec. 31, 1952	$ 652.71

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1953

Assets

Cash on hand	$ 652.71

Liabilities

Notes payable	$ 29,210.00
Excess of liabilities over assets	$ 28,557.29

REPORT OF VETERANS' TRAINING PROGRAM

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952		$ 66.09
Received from U. S. Treas.		2,091.20
Total Receipts		$ 2,157.29

Expenditures

Instructors—		
Frederick Webster	$ 527.85	
Howard Varney	466.02	
		$ 993.87
Collector of Internal Revenue		65.10
Commissioner of Taxes (State tax)		10.91
Mileage		224.70
Administrative allowance		179.00
Janitor, Clyde Lyon		65.00
Supplies		56.17
Fuel		40.79
Miscellaneous		3.44
Repaid note at bank		200.00
Surplus returned to Veterans' Adm.		56.58
Total Expenditures		$ 1,895.56
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952		261.73

The Veterans' Training Program at Chelsea was completed June 30, 1952, and our account with the Veterans' Administration at White River Junction has been approved.

The balance on hand of $261.73 is owed to the school for electricity, fuel, insurance, use of tools, etc. We are holding this balance until final approval of the closing of the program is given by officials at Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN D. BURBANK

TREASURER'S REPORT OF VETERANS' TRAINING PROGRAM

Jan. 1, 1952 to Dec. 31 ,1952

Receipts

Balance on hand	$	66.09
Received from U. S. Treasury		2,091.20
Total Receipts	$	2,157.29

Disbursements

1952 orders paid	$	1,838.98
Balance Dec. 31, 1952	$	318.31
Outstanding Order—		
No. 348 Veterans' Administration	$	56.58

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1952

Jan. 8—Bradshaw, David Lee, son to George Post and Kathleen Flora (Little).

Jan. 10—Paul, Armenthia Joyce, daughter to Edward G. and Winifred V. (Stone).

Feb. 15—Hook, Patricia Jean, daughter to Clyde L. and Betty Ann M. (LaFrancis).

Feb. 28—Gilman, Marie Ellen, daughter to Warren S. and Marion L. (Parker).

March 17—Dacier, George Anthony III, son to George A., Jr. and Alberta S. (Gassett).

March 24—Philbrick, Sara Margaret, daughter to John Gordon and Eleanor Susie (Densmore).

March—28—Lyon, Frank Andrew, son to Walter R. and Agnes Elsie (Carey).

April 15—Burbank, Clinton Austin II, son to Clinton A. and Norma Maude (Eddy).

May 1—Matoon, Mary Jane, daughter to Warren H. and Anna May (Lyford).

May 18—Roberts, Dwayne Sterling, son to William K. and Gertrude A. (Larkin).

June 8—Archer, Alan Craig, son to Richard F. and Beth M. (Taylor).

July 12—Bowin, Peggy Lyn, daughter to Guy W. and Esther A. (Bicknell).

Aug. 9—McFarlane, Kenneth Owen, Jr., to Kenneth O. and Bessie M. (Blanchard).

Sept. 10—Felch, Allan Neal, son to Neal A. and Janice M. (MacKeil).

Sept. 8—Woodworth, William Charles, son to Clayton E. and Arlene R. (Wagner).

Oct. 7—Edwards, Dawn Elizabeth, daughter to George A. and Edna E. (Kennelly).

Oct. 10—Lyford, Charles Lewis Jr., son to Charles L. and Cintra (Darling).

Nov. 7—Carpenter, Joyce Elaine, daughter to Alan M. and Elaine A. (Woodworth).

Nov. 19—McCullough, Sandra Lee, daughter to Dwight N. Jr., and Marilyn C. (Miller).

Dec. 6—Corliss, Donald Earl, son to Roger E. and Dorothy M. (Moody).

Dec. 29—Anderson, Dale Allen, son to John F. and June A. (Henderson).

Marriages

Jan. 20—Downing, Carl Merlin of Chelsea and Esther May Green of Tunbridge.

Jan. 31—McCullough, Dwight Nelson, Jr., of Chelsea and Marilyn Charlotte Miller of East Haven, Conn.

Feb. 14—Battey, Donald Richard of Chelsea and Lorraine Orpha Fisk of Tunbridge.

March 16—Wright, Robert Wayne of Chelsea and Iva Mae Gifford of Randolph Center.

June 28—Farnham, Carl Robert of Manchester, N. H., and Cora Sally Battey of Chelsea.

July 11—Tucker, Lee Clyde of Chelsea and Vivian Irene Lyon of Chelsea.

Aug. 9—Tucker, Leon Carl of Orange, and Joan Annette Lathrop of Chelsea.

Aug. 16—Dodge, Neal Edwin of Chelsea and Lois Anne Campbell of Graniteville.

Sept. 1—Underhill, Walter E. of Chelsea and Bertha E. Sanders of Hardwick.

Oct. 23—Hook, Warren E. of Chelsea and Grace P. Henderson of Chelsea.

Nov. 8—Carrier, Armand Joseph of Washington and Dorothy Ruth Kennedy of Chelsea.

Dec. 29—Braman, Walter Edward of Chelsea and Lorraine Beulah Ricker of Vershire.

Deaths

Feb. 10—Stanton, Caroline, age 30 yrs. (in Barre).

March 12—Corwin, Harold Ernest, age 59 yrs. (in Westminster, Vt.)

April 29—McCreedy, Charles Allen, age 82 yrs. in Brookfield, Vt.

May 28—Hook, Edgar Warren, age 50 years.

Aug. 20—Dodge, Clara Hemingway, age 64 yrs. in Lebanon, Conn.

Aug. 26—Colby, Kenneth L. age 28 yrs. in San Marcos, Texas.

Sept. 22—Deroleau, Melvin Walter, age 39 yrs. in Barre.

Sept. 25—Cody, Helen Batchelder, age 69 yrs.

Oct. 24—Thorne, Raymond, age 71 yrs. in Barre.

Oct. 29—Hood, Florence Seymour, age 73 yrs.

Nov. 25—Libby, Frank, age 92 yrs. in Barre.

Dec. 9—Bohonon, Clara Coburn, age 87 yrs. in South Barre.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $200.00 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of white pine blister rust.

18. To hear the report from the committee investigating a war memorial, and to see what action the town will take.

19. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1953.

20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to continue the Revolving Medical Fund.

21. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

22. To vote on the question:

Shall the town instruct its school directors to charge local organizations for rent of the gymnasium?

23. To transact any other proper business.

DEAN H. GILMAN,
WALTER L. KENNEDY,
ANGIER EDWARDS,
Selectmen.

Chelsea, Vt., Feb. 16, 1953.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1953, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoint a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise to retire the indebtedness of the high school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will vote for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. 47 as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1953, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed:

ALBERTA G. DACIER,
DAVID C. GILMAN,
F. RAY KEYSER, JR.,
Auditors

TOWN OFFICERS 1953 - 1954

Moderator		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk		Esther E. Smith
Town Treasurer		Esther E. Smith
Selectmen,	Walter L. Kennedy,	Term expires 1954
	Angier M. J. Edwards,	Term expires 1955
	L. J. Fitts,	Term expires 1956
Overseer of Poor,		Selectmen
Road Commissioner,		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes,		W. S. Gilman
Listers,	Berthold C. Coburn,	Term expires 1954
	George Edwards,	Term expires 1955
	Everett F. Spear,	Term expires 1956
School Directors,	Franklin D. Burbank,	Term expires 1954
	I. S. Rushworth,	Term expires 1955
	Mrs. Marion W. Button,	Term expires 1956
Auditors,	Mrs. Alberta G. Dacier,	Term expires 1954
	David C. Gilman,	Term expires 1955
	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.,	Term expires 1956
1st Constable		Frederick D. Cahill
2nd Constable		John C. Rowell
Trustees of Public Money,	Harry L. Hayward,	Term expires 1954
	Frank W. Button,	Term expires 1955
	Ralph H. Coburn,	Term expires 1956
Trustees of Public Library,	Esther E. Smith,	Term expires 1954
	Rachel Comstock,	Term expires 1955
	O. Fay Allen, Jr.,	Term expires 1956
	M. S. Bicknell,	Term expires 1957
	Mrs. Martha Ordway,	Term expires 1958
Superintendent of Schools,		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board,		I. S. Rushworth
Town Grand Jurors,	O. Fay Allen, Jr.,	William Roberts
Town Agent,		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber		James B. Wilkinson
Fence Viewers,	George P. Bradshaw,	Sabin T. Densmore
Weigher of Coal,		Henry F. Gates
Cemetery Comm.,	E. Harold Colby,	Term expires 1954
	Stanley C. Wilson,	Term expires 1955
	Edward B. Hatch,	Term expires 1956
	Percy J. Heath,	Term expires 1957
	Esther E. Smith,	Term expires 1958

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.

1953

Population 1,024, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highway 85.31, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 6,268.97
Polls, 441	441.00
	$ 6,709.97

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1949	$6,560.03	$6.00
1950	6,267.35	6.00
1951	6,707.29	6.50
1952	6,683.38	7.50
1953	6,709.97	7.61

Total Tax Raised

(School and Old Age Included)

1949	$40,557.57
1950	38,789.11
1951	44,767.97
1952	51,475.74
1953	52,043.42

TOWN ACCOUNT

Assets

(Real Estate and Personal Property not included)

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1954:		
General Town Account		$ 845.55
State Aid Account		253.88
Revolving Medical Fund		102.10
General Highway		9.98
Snow Roads		229.81
Unselected Highway		23.30
		$ 1,464.62
Uncollected taxes		5,198.93
U. S. War Bonds		45.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm		1,154.66
Sale Blake property to Ralph Coburn	$600.00	
Paid	316.91	
		283.09
		$ 8,146.30

Liabilities

On notes at bank — Selectmen	$ 15,900.00
On notes at bank — Grader note	3,953.44
Outstanding orders	514.72
	$ 20,368.16
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 12,221.86

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT*

1948	Excess of liabilities over assets	$ 6,598.40
1949	Excess of liabilities over assets	2,963.26
1950	Excess of liabilities over assets	5,731.48
1951	Excess of liabilities over assets	21,306.42
1952	Excess of liabilities over assets	15,280.42
1953	Excess of liabilities over assets	12,221.86

* Does not include gym note.

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed as per listers' appraisal)

Real Estate—		
Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00	
Garage	1,500.00	
Town Forest	50.00	
Town Hall	10,000.00	
Town Barn	50.00	
Black Hawk property	500.00	
Goodwin lot	500.00	
		$ 13,660.00
Dental Equipment	$ 800.00	
Office Equipment	1,100.00	
Town Hall Equipment	500.00	
Chains, tools, etc.	150.00	
Tractor and plow	5,000.00	
Barco drill and drills	25.00	
Motor grader, plows and equip.	12,800.00	
		20,375.00
Materials and Supplies on Hand—		
Wood at Town Hall	$ 546.00	
Oils, greases and fuel oil	100.00	
Chains	109.00	
Grader blades	200.00	
Clutch and pressure plates, RD-6	125.00	
		1,080.00
Total		$ 35,115.00

Inventory of School Property

School building in District No. 1	$ 1,000.00	
School building in District No. 2	4,000.00	
School building in District No. 5	1,000.00	
School building in District No. 9	1,000.00	
Gymnasium	29,000.00	
Agricultural building	7,750.00	
		$ 43,750.00
Equipment and furniture		500.00
Books and supplies		500.00
Total		$ 44,750.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953		$ 4,505.92
From W. S. Gilman, Collector		
On 1953 List	$ 47,829.50	
Delinquent taxes	3,004.00	
		50,833.50
From State Treasurer—		
Unselected Highway	$ 10,134.00	
Winter Roads	1,805.25	
State Aid Construction	912.30	
State Aid Maintenance		
Dust Laying	200.00	
Resurfacing	348.50	
Selected Highway (½c gas tax)	3,407.98	
		16,808.03
Money borrowed		16,500.00
Revolving Medical Fund		396.28
Refunds of Overseer's account		2,475.73
Rent of Town Hall		144.00
Dog licenses		372.50
Lease Land Rent		103.93
Ralph Coburn, payments on Blake property		216.91
Town of Washington, use of equipment		328.55
Old Colony Trust, electricity		60.00
Old Colony Trust, upkeep of Town Hall		8.00
2nd Class License		37.50
Pool Room License		5.00
Use of Bulldozer		88.75
Use of grader		73.50

Plowing snow	5.40
Bond interest	5.00
Court claim — street light breakage	35.00
Refund grader insurance	6.38
Sale of No. 8 school	500.00
Sale of logs	46.00
Sale of grease and oil	142.56
Sale of bridge plank	7.41
Sale of wood	35.00
Sale of Town Report	.25
Bookkeeping Receipt Entries	
Credit debit slip	15.00
State Aid Highway, use of equipment	51.25
Selected Highway, use of equipment	192.00
Unselected Highway, use of equipment	840.00
General Account, General Highway Tax	6,709.97
Total Receipts	$101,549.32

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's orders—		
General Account	$ 71,207.74	
State Aid	1,447.78	
Unselected Highways	10,170.70	
Selected Highways	3,499.92	
Snow roads	1,874.39	
Revolving Medical Fund	357.60	
		$ 88,558.13
Paid Road Commissioner's orders		6,771.09
Paid Overseer's orders		4,685.48
Paid bank order for interest		70.00
		$100,084.70
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954		$ 1,464.62

Accounts Receivable

Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer	$ 15.00
Guy Moxley, use of bulldozer	9.00
Bay State Ice Cream Co., grading	9.00
Total	$ 33.00

Outstanding Orders

General Account—		
Dec. 28, 1953		
No. 662—Interstate Equipment	$	21.77
No. 663—C. V. P. S. Corp.		73.75
Dec. 31, 1953		
No. 678—Walter L. Kennedy		112.33
No. 679—Jack Fitts		85.86
No. 680—State Treasurer		28.47
No. 681—Vt. Tax Dept.		5.00
No. 682—Director of Internal Revenue		10.00
	$	337.18
General Highway—		
Dec. 31, 1952		
No. 471—Alan McCullough	$	.70
Jan. 2, 1954		
No. 655—Chelsea Job Press		4.40
No. 657—State Treasurer		8.48
No. 658—Vt. Tax Dept.		.26
No. 659—Director of Internal Revenue		1.70
	$	15.54
State Aid—		
Nov. 17, 1953		
No. 27—Roy Kennedy	$	8.00
No. 28—Donald Blanchard		8.00
Dec. 19, 1953		
No. 29—Vt. State Treasurer		3.84
Nov. 10, 1953		
No. 561—Gary Dodge		4.00
Dec. 19, 1953		
No. 565—Vt. State Treasurer		2.04
	$	25.88
Unselected Highways—		
Dec. 19, 1953		
No. 631—Vt. State Treasurer	$	23.26
No. 632—Vt. State Treasurer		1.32
No. 633—Director of Internal Revenue		9.00
	$	33.58
Snow Roads—		
Feb. 9, 1952		
No. 200—Kenneth Walker	$	.88

Overseer's Account—
Dec. 18, 1953
No. 884—Dept. of Social Welfare $ 96.60

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1953

You will note that the town is financially in better condition at the end of 1953 than at the end of 1952. We had no unusually high expenses, and our grand list gave us a better return than in 1952.

Labor costs have gone up, and the town now pays a dollar per hour for ordinary labor.

Your grader will be completely paid for in 1954 if you vote the same tax as before. It will be well to bear in mind that replacement of our tractor-bulldozer will become necessary in the not-too-distant future.

In view of the circumstances, the selectmen recommend a continuation of the 1953 town tax rate.

Respectfully,
WALTER L. KENNEDY,
A. M. J. EDWARDS,
L. J. FITTS,
Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$ 2,148.81
Town Hall	1,555.42
Miscellaneous	1,065.40
Tractor	1,097.23
Snow plow	172.60
Loans Paid	21,854.99
Interest Paid	635.64
Bridges	3,311.43
Streets and Roads	7,803.16
Commons	100.03
Appropriations	1,202.16
Taxes Assessed	2,570.15
Insurance	220.71
Grader	1,219.40
School	24,188.14
Gymnasium	1,677.49
Withholding and Social Security Taxes	106.36
	$ 70,929.12

Town Officers

F. Ray Keyser, Jr., Auditing	$	52.50
David C. Gilman, Auditing		57.00
Alberta G. Dacier, Auditing		59.00
Dean H. Gilman, Selectman, services		51.31
O. Fay Allen, Town Officer bonds		62.50
W. S. Gilman, 1% commission on taxes collected		494.57
B. C. Coburn, listing, attending school ($40.00)		133.57
Everett Spear, listing		136.00
George Edwards, listing		100.00
E. F. Downs, file and folders		82.10
Esther E. Smith, figuring tax bills, etc., Treasurer		156.00
Walter L. Kennery, Selectman, services		215.65
Tuttle Stationery Co., Clerk's supplies		47.34
Chelsea Job Press, Town Officers supplies		32.25
Wilson & Keyser, fees, legal services, expense		195.56
Walter L. Kennedy, services as Overseer, postage		162.60
Angier M. Edwards, Selectman, services		25.00
L. J. Fitts, Selectman, services		85.86
	$	2,148.81

Town Hall

F. Ray Keyser, water rent	$	18.00
Ernest C. Royce, care of hall		647.63
A. C. Coburn, labor		3.09
Nelson Marshall, labor		3.15
W. S. Gilman, wood and sawing wood		95.50
Fred Dickinson, supplies		8.84
D. H. Gilman, wood		34.00
C. W. Averill, lock		3.25
A. F. Sanborn & Son, repairs furnace		362.84
Don Ladd, painting clerk's office		48.13
L. A. Lermond, paint		31.21
Button's Store, phosphate		3.30
Naef Hardware Co., paint		2.00
Flint Bros., supplies		7.50
George H. Hayward, labor		2.95
Fred B. Sanborn, labor		20.50
Don Ladd, wood		100.00
George C. Lyford, saw wood		50.00
A. George, labor on wood		4.95
Orlando Braman, labor on wood		7.53
Kenneth McFarlane, hauling rubbish		1.25
Angier M. Edwards, labor on furnace		30.00
Robbins & Robbins, supplies		8.80

E. H. Colby, supplies	5.02
C. V. P. S. Corp., lights	55.98
	$ 1,555.42

Miscellaneous

Esther E. Smith, certificates, postage	$ 18.06
Leon V. Stevens, care of Town clock, supplies	65.25
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	30.79
Robert Cahill, painting airways, markers	17.73
Naef Hardware Co., supplies	4.12
George H. Hayward, 35 Acre land for town dump	500.00
Ernest Royce, grass shears	2.25
W. S. Gilman, postage	12.00
Chelsea Job Press, supplies, town reports	267.20
Harry O'Donnell, labor on West Hill Cemetery	10.80
Guy H. Ladd, freight	2.48
G. H. Helmer, dog adv.	1.00
Alfred C. Benjamin, copies of Town Charter	1.32
C. V. P. S. Corp., garage lights	24.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	108.40
	$ 1,065.40

Notes and Interest

O. C. Branch Bank, interest paid	$ 565.64
O. C. Branch Bank, loans paid	15,816.01
O. C. Branch Bank, apply on grader note	3,354.99
O. C. Branch Bank, apply on indebtedness	2,683.99
	$ 22,420.63

School and Gym

Taxes raised, School	$ 24,155.89
Taxes raised, Gymnasium	1,677.49
Lease Land Rent, 1952	32.25
	$ 25,865.63

Tractor

Dwight McCullough, labor	$ 6.00
Alan McCullough, labor	2.70
Kennedy's Garage, labor, welding	224.65
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts, labor	422.22
Shell Oil Co., fuel & oil	118.57
N. E. Petroleum Co., Inc., hydraulic oil	40.43
Lowell McLeod, steel	12.95
Dessureau's, steel	9.15
John C. Rowell, moving bulldozer	100.00

Gulf Oil Corp., oil	88.46
Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc., oil	53.90
Reynolds & Son, Inc., prestone	8.70
E. H. Colby, supplies	9.50
	$ 1,097.23

Snow Plow

Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	$ 47.38
Interstate Equipment Co., Inc., parts	39.67
St. Johnsbury Trk. Co., freight	1.65
Dwight McCullough, trips to Barre, labor	45.86
Angier Edwards & Sons, oil	6.50
Naef Hardware Co., fittings	1.09
Kennedy's Garage, labor, welding	24.50
Dessureau's, repairs	5.95
	$ 172.60

Motor Grader

Shell Oil Co., gas and oil	$ 515.05
Reynolds & Son, Inc., prestone, chain	120.37
E. H. Colby, supplies	24.56
Interstate Equipment Co., Inc., parts	222.32
Guy H. Ladd, freight	1.25
Bailey Bros., parts	126.72
E. P. Lafley, gas	1.43
Kennedy's Garage, labor, welding, tire repair	91.36
Farm Bureau Insurance	31.33
Dwight McCullough, labor	20.50
Alan McCullough, labor	6.21
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co., oil	58.30
	$ 1,219.40

Street and Roads

W. A. Reed, drill bits	$ 6.00
A. H. Bailey, P. M., registry on legal notices	8.00
C. V. P. S. Corp., lighting	366.00
L. B. Bowen, wire	9.50
Reynolds & Son, brush cutter parts	5.28
Dwight McCullough, truck	102.37
James F. O'Shea, chloride	349.89
O. E. Burgess, labor	27.54
A. C. Coburn, labor	20.18
Blacktop, Inc., for Town Hall walk	95.42
Maurice McCullough, labor	10.63
Robert Cahill, labor	21.63

John Hayward, labor	6.00
Clyde Lyon, labor	6.00
Alfred Boardman, truck	5.00
Mike Kennedy, truck	20.00
E. H. Colby, supplies	33.75
Road Commissioner, 1953 tax	6,709.97
	$ 7,803.16

Bridges

A. C. Coburn, labor	$ 42.82
Dwight McCullough, labor, truck	158.78
Jack Kennedy, hoist, acetlyne cutting	37.00
O. E. Burgess, labor	32.89
Chelsea Job Press, globes, etc.	52.00
R. H. Button, spikes	1.30
George Hayward, self and truck	45.00
Robert Lemery, labor, use of jeep	255.70
Ernest Royce, labor	9.38
Orlando Braman, labor	9.74
Vernon Hook, labor	70.02
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	702.25
C. Hartwell, plank	222.95
Frank K. Bailey, posts	15.00
George A. Dacier, Jr., plank	363.09
Webster S. Lund, plank	424.06
Maurice McCullough, labor	24.82
Archie Dupras, labor	71.05
Arthur P. Morey, labor	20.70
Allen Dupras, labor	42.69
John Carpenter, plank	384.08
Raymond Moulton, bridge logs	16.80
Stanley Hook, stringers	70.00
Irving H. LaFrancis, labor	25.69
Warren Hook, labor	10.63
Ralph Grant, plank	168.54
E. H. Colby, spikes	34.45
	$ 3,311.43

Insurance

M. Gordon Colby, Town Hall	$ 97.93
Farm Bureau, grader insurance	27.38
O. Fay Allen, Town Hall	41.60
F. Ray Keyser, Town Hall	41.60

O. Fay Allen, tractor	12.20
	$ 220.71

Appropriations

Chelsea Public Library	$ 500.00
Chelsea Fire District 1	250.00
Highland Cemetery	300.00
James P. Byrne, War Memorial	52.16
Memorial Day	100.00
	$ 1,202.16

Taxes

University of Vermont, lease land rent	$ 3.10
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector, taxes abated	40.08
United Church, Ministerial Right, lease land rent	39.00
West Hill Church, Ministerial Right, lease land	19.50
State Treasurer, O. A. B. tax	1,190.70
Vt. Extension Service, 1953 Assessment	270.59
State Treasurer, Highway System	806.91
E. H. Sargent, County Treas., 3c tax	200.27
Withholding & Social Security taxes	106.36
	$ 2,676.51

Commons

O. E. Burgess, labor	$ 100.03

Revolving Medical Fund Report

There was little use of the Fund for 1953 due to the lack of a local doctor. The following accounts, for which no effort has been made for repayment, are collectible:

1951	John Reed	$ 9.00
1952	Elmer Pratt	33.00
1952	Lloyd Hill	33.00
1952	David Blakeney	58.00
1952	John Gardner	14.50
1953	Linda Croft	106.00
	Total	$ 253.50

It is recommended that the Revolving Medical Fund be continued another year.

WALTER F. KENNEDY,
Chairman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highway system comprises 85.31 miles of roads, divided as follows: 8 miles "state aid" highway: 10.75 miles "state" highway, and 66.56 miles of "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line. The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Rogers' to the Arthur Bacon place and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

General Highway Account

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Money Available

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$	2.21
Town tax of $1.00		6,709.97
Received from E. H. Pallme		54.00
Total	$	6,766.18
Total orders drawn		6,771.74
Overdraft	$	5.56

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$	2,181.92
Alan McCullough, labor		138.77
Maurice McCullough, labor		192.18
O. E. Burgess, labor		511.18
A. C. Coburn, labor		559.19
Wesley Downing, labor		345.32
Robert Cahill, labor		485.83
Orlando Braman, labor		6.21
Mike Kennedy, man and truck		176.95
George Hayward, man and truck		746.05
William Couillard, labor		15.26
John Hayward, man and truck		37.40
Robert Lemery, labor		31.91
Allen Ogilvie, labor		16.00
Alfred Buick, labor		51.72
Orville Ladd, labor		28.22
Elwin Kendall, labor		57.08
O. Fay Allen, renewal of bond		5.00
Everett LaFrancis, labor		28.35

I. H. LaFrancis, labor	40.05
Vt. Tax Dept., State withholding tax	13.87
Director of Internal Revenue	136.10
State Treasurer, social security	107.97
O. C. Branch Bank, interest	50.00
Shell Oil Co., gas for grader	312.10
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	33.76
Edgar Downing, labor	18.90
Ernest Royce, labor	3.55
Vernon Hook, labor	38.70
Harry O'Donnell, labor and with team	17.60
Richard Woodworth, labor and with team	22.90
Clyde Hook, labor	26.55
C. R. Williams, gravel	4.80
Athol Coburn, labor and with team	39.60
Angier Edwards, gas for grader	2.65
A. E. McCullough, gas for grader	5.30
Sabin Densmore, labor with tractor	23.00
Amos Giles, 1840 yds. gravel @ 10c	184.00
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor	57.12
W. S. Gilman, tax collector, taxes for Kenneth O'Donnell	14.28
Chelsea Job Press, time and order books	4.40
	$ 6,771.74

Unselected Highways

Receipts

State Treasurer	$ 10,134.00
Gravel and grading— Bay State Ice Cream Co.	60.00
Total	$ 10,194.00
Orders drawn	10,204.28
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1954	$ 10.28

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$ 2,213.54
Maurice McCullough, labor	163.76
O. E. Burgess, labor	426.92
A. C. Coburn, labor	396.79
Robert Cahill, labor	60.73
Robert Lemery, labor	269.33
Frank O'Brien, labor	126.50
Arthur Morey, labor	19.00

Roy Kennedy, labor	27.00
Donald Blanchard, labor	27.00
Allen Ogilvie, labor	16.25
Robert Svarfvar, labor and chain saw	18.00
George Hayward, labor, self and truck	931.45
Mike Kennedy, self and truck	732.00
John Hayward, self and truck	656.20
Warren Whitney, self and truck	617.10
Forrest Barnaby, self and truck	622.00
Don Orr, self and truck	36.00
William Eastman, self and truck	28.00
Richard Barnaby, self and truck	23.80
Frank Bailey, cedar posts	28.50
Lawrence Bowen, 6 rolls wire	64.30
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	1,060.14
State Treasurer, Social Security	60.48
Vt. Tax Dept., State Withholding tax	3.97
Director of Internal Revenue, Fed. Withholding tax	30.40
Vt. Explosive Co., Inc., dynamite and caps	28.97
Walter L. Kennedy, labor for 3 boys breaking globes on bridge	35.00
Button's General Store, 1 roll wire	9.50
Reynolds & Son, Inc., rental of compressor and jack hammer	65.85
Amos Giles, 5,358 yds. gravel @ 10c	535.80
Town of Chelsea, use of tractor and grader	840.00
	$ 10,204.28

State Aid Highway (Construction)

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1953	$ 440.38
State Treasurer (Construction)	912.30
Total	$ 1,352.68
Orders drawn	922.46
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$ 430.22

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$ 137.32
O. E. Burgess, labor	26.59
A. C. Coburn, labor	35.46
Robert Lemery, labor	34.67

Arthur Morey, labor		8.00
Roy Kennedy, labor		8.00
Donald Blanchard, labor		8.00
George Hayward, self and truck		98.60
Mike Kennedy, self and truck		100.00
John Hayward, self and truck		98.60
Warren Whitney, self and truck		85.00
Forrest Barnaby, self and truck		100.00
Paul Russell, tractor and backhoe		30.25
State Treasurer, social security		4.32
Amos Giles, 964 yds. gravel @ 10c		96.40
Town of Chelsea, use of D-6 and grader		51.25
	$	922.46

State Aid (Resurfacing)

Receipts

State Treasurer, resurfacing	$	348.50
Town of Chelsea, share of resurfacing		174.25
Total	$	522.75
Orders drawn		550.72
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1954	$	27.97

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$	124.16
O. E. Burgess, labor		17.73
A. C. Coburn, labor		8.86
Robert Lemery, labor		17.73
Frank O'Brien, labor		18.00
Arthur Morey, labor		4.00
Roy Kennedy, labor		4.00
Donald Blanchard, labor		4.00
Gary Dodge, labor		4.00
George Hayward, self and truck		27.20
John Hayward, self and truck		51.00
Warren Whitney, self and truck		17.00
Mike Kennedy, self and truck		60.00
Forrest Barnaby, self and truck		96.00
Don Orr, self and truck		36.00
Amos Giles, 590 yds. of gravel @ 10c		59.00
State Treasurer, social security		2.04
	$	550.72

Snow Roads

Receipts

State Treasurer	$	1,805.25
Town of Washington, plowing		293.55
Lawrence Lyon, plowing		5.40
Total	$	2,104.20
Orders Drawn		1,863.43
Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	240.77

Orders Drawn

A. C. Coburn, labor	$	70.45
O. E. Burgess, labor		39.39
Wesley Downing, labor		8.10
Ernest Royce, labor		52.74
Alan McCullough, labor		227.83
Orlando Braman, labor		45.18
Clarence Kennedy, labor		2.25
Maurice McCullough, labor		70.68
Jack Kennedy, labor		65.24
Wendell Pratt, labor		8.10
Gary Dodge, labor		15.06
Robert Cahill, labor		2.64
Robert Lemery, labor		5.32
Merle Colby, self and tractor		19.75
Dwight McCullough, self, truck and shovel		711.45
George Hayward, self and truck		114.78
Mike Kennedy, self and truck		81.60
John Hayward, labor and truck		62.50
Harold Hayward, Jr., men and truck		19.60
W. S. Gilman, self and truck		8.70
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor and team		18.00
State Treasurer, social security		28.07
International Salt Co.		123.60
Frank Austin, sand		31.20
Town of Tunbridge, loading sand		31.20
	$	1,863.43

Selected Highway

Receipts

State Treasurer	$	3,407.98
Orders drawn		3,504.98
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1954	$	97.00

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$	664.98
Maurice McCullough, labor		72.08
O. E. Burgess, labor		227.41
A. C. Coburn, labor		201.61
Robert Cahill, labor		23.88
Roy Kennedy, labor		14.40
Robert Lemery, labor		100.20
George Hayward, self and truck		258.30
Mike Kennedy, self and truck		170.00
John Hayward, self and truck		117.30
Warren Whitney, self and truck		144.50
Forrest Barnaby, self and truck		124.00
Lawrence Bowen, 3 rolls wire		27.00
Frank Bailey, cedar posts		20.00
Jack Kennedy, use of wrecker		6.00
Eugene Kennedy, man and chain saw		55.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings		867.95
State Treasurer, social security		25.36
Vt. Tax Dept., state withholding tax		1.45
Director Internal Revenue, federal withholding tax		13.76
Amos Giles, 1778 yds. gravel @ 10c		177.80
Town of Chelsea, use of D-6 and grader		192.[illegible]0
	$	3,504.98

OVERSEER'S REPORT, by Selectmen

Total orders drawn		$ 4,549.21
Acounts repaid		
By Town of Hartford, Flora Clark	$ 1,057.95	
By Town of Tunbridge, Edgar Downing	403.47	
By Barre City, Marion Renfrew	124.26	
By Alfred Buick	25.00	
By Mayme Fletcher	9.50	
By Lawrence Carey, Zilla Carey	73.54	
By estate of Deroleau	36.12	
By State of Vermont for:		
Alfred Buick	323.34	
Edith Dumont	73.40	

Mattie J. S. Hart	14.00	
Alpha Goodell	256.65	
Byron Downing	88.00	
		2,485.23
Net expense to Town		$ 2,063.98

Orders Drawn

Nelson Dukette and family		$ 465.93
Flora M. Clark		1,013.75
Byron and Lillian Downing		48.15
Alfred Buick and family		323.34
Edgar Downing and family		403.47
Edith Dumont		73.40
Mahlon Young		116.00
Mattie J. Staples Hart		14.00
David Blakeney and family		87.01
Elmer Pratt and family		131.70
Lawrence Cary (Zilla)		73.54
Marion Renfrew		124.25
Alpha Goodell		285.65
George Dunbar		12.00
Mayme Fletcher		9.50
William O. Avery		91.50
Dept. of Social Welfare:		
Aid for Dependent Children, 1/8 actual cost		514.51
Child Care, 1/2 actual cost:		
Dupont children	$ 434.09	
Credit Claude Dupont, cash	110.00	
		324.09
Beede children	$ 617.92	
Credit Clyde Beede, cash	108.00	
Credit Sarah Beede, cash	72.50	
		437.42
		$ 4,549.21

Families drawing Aid for Dependent Children at present are W. S. Paul, Alma Dukette, Goldie Magoon and Jean M. Clark.

The Overseer's Account is required to pay to the State Dept. of Social Welfare a fixed amount for the support of committed children and dependent children. The only credits we may gain are by actual cash payments by the parents, by decrease, or adoption, or by the child becoming self-supporting. Again in 1953, one of the parents was hailed into court and sentenced

to pay a definite amount or serve time in the State Prison. We expect a bigger remittance in 1954. Many of the Town's poor in 1953 were transient cases. Some will repay of their own accord in 1954 and some will be delinquents, but the 1953 account should be credited with $223.20 of collectible assets in 1954.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 8 persons or families	$ 618.33
Services for Board Members	40.00
Total	$ 658.33

L. J. FITTS, Chairman

ROBERTS POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953—		
In checking account		$ 159.38
In savings account		22.55
Interest on savings account		6.32
Received from Old Colony Trust Co.		610.00
Total		$ 798.25

Disbursements

Paid orders drawn by Board		$ 667.33
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954—		
In checking account		42.05
In savings account		88.07
Total		$ 798.25
Outstanding Orders—		
No. 675	$ 3.00	
No. 679	10.00	
No. 680	10.00	
Total	$ 23.00	

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

Harold E. Corwin Est., Lot No. 129½	$	200.00
Isaac H. Merrill, Lot No. 37		200.00
Henry J. Orr, ½ lot No. 230		100.00
Flora E. Davenport, Lot No. 43½		100.00
Jessie G. Corwin Est., Lot No. 91½		100.00
	$	700.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

J. B. Hill, labor		$	26.20
Roy Kennedy, labor			24.75
John Osmer, labor			16.20
Manley Carpenter, labor			125.55
Orlando Braman, labor			290.25
Ernest Royce, labor			3.60
W. A. Reed, labor, self and man			446.15
Earl Doyle, carting brush			9.00
W. S. Gilman, carting brush and leaves			8.00
M. L. Hayward, sharpening lawn mowers			8.00
Ellis J. Fay, tree work			35.75
Barre Monumental Co., waterproofing roof of vault			75.00
Maurice Kennedy, hauling gravel			32.00
Dwight McCullough, hauling gravel			36.80
O. E. Burgess, spreading gravel			7.00
C. R. Williams, gravel loaded on trucks			26.40
A. F. Sanborn, mower repairs			6.00
Chelsea Job Press, printing			5.50
Esther Smith, services as Treas.	$ 20.00		
cash paid for postage	3.00		
			23.00
E. H. Colby, services as Super.	$ 35.00		
supplies	14.98		
			49.98
Total		$	1,255.13

TREASURER'S CEMETERY REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	227.46
Received Hilas Roberts Cemetery Fund		20.00
Town Appropriation		300.00
Received from City Institution of Savings, interest from Joel Ordway Fund		7.50
Received from Town of Hartford for burial plot		25.00

Received individuals, care of lots		229.00
Received interest on U. S. Bonds		545.37
Received cutting tree on Corwin lot		20.50
Total	$	1,374.83

Disbursements

Paid orders		1,286.55
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	$	88.28
Outstanding orders:		
Dec. 19, 1953		
No. 842—C. R. Williams	$	26.40
Dec. 30, 1953		
No. 843—W. A. Reed		14.40
No. 844—A. F. Sanborn		6.00
No. 845—Chelsea Job Press		5.50
No. 846—Esther Smith, Treas.		23.00
No. 847—E. H. Colby, Comm.		49.98
	$	125.28

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

By the Auditors

Total funds Jan. 1, 1953	$	22,747.77
Funds added per report and interest		712.28
Total funds Dec. 31, 1953	$	23,460.05
These funds are invested as follows:		
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G.	$	21,800.00
Savings Account, Orange Co. Br. Bank		1,360.05
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.		300.00
	$	23,460.05

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLAND CEMETERY

The Commissioners of Highland Cemetery bring to your attention that during 1953 the disbursements exceeded the receipts by about $100.00 due to repairs on the tomb which were not anticipated.

We recommend for 1954 an appropriation of $400.-00 to be used for general purposes on Highland Cemetery.

E. HAROLD COLBY,
STANLEY C. WILSON,
EDWARD B. HATCH,
PERCY J. HEATH,
ESTHER E. SMITH, Comm.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR CHELSEA WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in bank Jan. 1, 1953	$	38.65
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953		27.01
Received interest on U. S. Bond		45.00
Received donation for lettering Hibbard Monument		31.00
Received Trust Funds:		
From Guy Newell for perpetual care of Alber Goves lot No. 11		100.00
From Probate Court for perpetual care of ½ of E. Phillips lot		100.00
Received from Edith Phillips for ½ lot No. 39		5.00
Received interest — O. C. Branch bank		.64
	$	347.40
Paid for sharpening lawn mowers	$	2.00
Paid Irving LaFrancis for care of lots		40.00
Paid Barre Monumental Co. for lettering Hibbard Monument		36.40
Balance in Savings Accounts, Jan. 1, 1954:		
Granite Savings Bank		200.00
O. C. Branch Bank		63.89
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954		5.01
	$	347.40

HARRY L. HAYWARD,
For Trustees

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund—$500.00		
Balance in savings account Jan. 1, 1953	$	44.28
Received interest on U. S. Bond, No. 14340-27		12.50
Received interest on savings account		.30
	$	57.08
Disbursements for care of Roberts lot		20.00
Balance in Savings Acct. Jan. 1, 1954	$	37.08

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund—$800.00

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	.08
Interest on U. S. Bond No. 14340-28		20.00
	$	20.08
Paid for labor		8.50
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	$	11.58

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR THE CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal of Fund—$800.00

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	$	23.30
Interest on U. S. Bond No. 14340-26		12.50
Received interest on savings account		.10
	$	35.90
Paid for labor		19.00
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	$	16.90

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Although the Fire Department is supported principally by Chelsea Fire District No. 1, this report may not be out of order in the Town Report, as the Fire District has voted to ask the town for a larger appropriation.

The Fire Department consists of ten to fifteen men who meet once a month for discussion, practice and maintenance of equipment. They stand ready 24 hours a day to drop their work and answer alarms. During 1953 the following alarms were answered:

Within the fire district: 2 chimney fires.

Within the town, but outside the fire district:
3 chimney fires, 2 dwelling houses, 1 farm and 1 hay shed.

Out of town: 2 in Washington; 2 in Tunbridge.

The grand list of the town is about $6,500, about half of this is within the Fire District and half outside. Also, within the Fire District is tax free property which concerns the town as a whole; namely Town Hall, Town Garage, School Building, Gymnasium, Agricultural Building, Churches, County Jail, and Court House.

The Fire District raises a tax of 45 cents. The town appropriation of $250 to the Fire District represents a tax of about 4 cents. Thus, a taxpayer within the District pays 45 cents, plus 4 cents while one outside the District pay 4 cents for fire protection.

I would not have anyone think that we can give the same degree of protection everywhere in town due to distance of travel, availability of water, etc., but with forethought, planning and preparation, protection can be increased.

E. H. COLBY,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

The Chelsea Public Library was the recipient of a generous gift in August of this year in the sum of $1,000.00 from Dr. E. Ray Speare of Newton, Mass. Dr. Speare is Treasurer of Boston University and the son of Alden Speare, the donor of the library building which was dedicated October 25, 1894.

We have already purchased a new set of Collier's Encyclopedia with a portion of his gift and the balance of the money is to be used for the improvement of the interior of the library building and for other purposes not made possible by the annual income and town appropriation.

The Trustees have engaged Vernon Hook to rewire the library and install adequate lighting. As soon as this work is completed, we plan to redecorate the library and to provide a more suitable working desk for the librarian.

Dr. Speare has shown an interest in the library in many other ways and the effects of his generosity will become more apparent as time goes on.

O. FAY ALLEN, JR.,
MRS. MARTHA ORDWAY,
ESTHER E. SMITH,
RACHEL COMSTOCK,
MAURICE S. BICKNELL,
Trustees

REPORT OF CHELSEA AND ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The circulation for the past year was 8,445; an increase of 443 over the preceding year.

One hundred fifty-eight adult and thirty-two juvenile books were accessioned. 77 of these were purchased and 113 were gifts.

"Home Country" was given in memory of Sgt. Purl MacKiel by Mr. and Mrs. James Howard; "Stalking Birds with Color Camera" in memory of Blanch Townsend by Mrs. Grace O. Chapin; and "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories", 5 volume in memory of Irene Armington by Mrs. Edith Young.

The Woman's Book Club members contributed 11 books and 23 individuals have added the remainder. Gifts of magazines have been added to the purchased supply, also.

The Free Public Library Commission loaned to us 234 adult and 265 juvenile books.

Book Week was observed in November by a visit to each room of the elementary school and the rural schools. New books were shown and talked about at this time.

44 children, grades 3 through 8 participated in the "Reading is Fun Club", reading and reporting on 5 to 100 books each. The cooperation of the teachers in this project is much appreciated. Boxes of books were sent to the rural schools as usual.

We have discarded many books this year. Some of these have gone to the rural schools and a small library. Our old encyclopedias have been replaced.

The High School sent three students to the library for practice work.

You are urged to visit your library at some time during the year, even if you do not wish to borrow a book or magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS, Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$	40.78
Town Appropriation		500.00
Income from Roberts Fund		185.00
Income from Braley Fund		5.00
Income from Stow Fund		44.00

Fines, lost and discarded books		20.27
Total Receipts	$	795.05

Expenditures

Librarian and assistants	$	272.25
Books		112.73
Periodicals		55.75
Library supplies		27.74
Rent of Post Office box and postage		6.28
Used Card Filing Cabinet		15.00
Janitor Service		88.00
Fuel		166.10
Fire Insurance premium on contents of Library		29.64
Membership to Vermont Library Association		1.00
Total Expenditures	$	774.49
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1954	$	20.56

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA T. ORDWAY, Treasurer

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

185 dogs were licensed, including a kennel license for 15 dogs and after fees were deducted $372.50 in 1953 and $1.25 in January, 1954 was turned over to the Town Treasurer, totaling $373.75 for 1953 dog licenses.

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right

George L. Hayward	$	14.68
Cecil Thompson		10.00
David Novick		15.80
Jesse Baldwin		6.02
Total	$	46.50

Rents Due and Unpaid Dec. 31, 1953

Madeline Blakeney	$	5.58
David Blakeney		15.00
Total	$	20.58

Division of Parsonage Right Rentals

United Church	$	39.00
West Hill Church		19.50
Total	$	58.50

Received for School Right Rents

Clinton Burbank	$	4.50
Harold E. Camp		.50
Oliver E. Burgess		1.50
I. S. Rushworth		11.00
Richard Kennedy		3.00
Flint Bros. Lumber Co.		6.25
E. H. Colby		.75
	$	27.50

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Principal of Fund—$200.00

U. S. Gov't. Bond No. C 3099260 G and C 3099259 G, Inter. $5.00—paid General Town Acc't. toward care of commons.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1953			$	2.74
Town Appropriated				100.00
Paid out—				
Band	$	50.00		
Flags and markers		48.57		
Checks and postage		.77		
				99.34
Balance on hand			$	3.40

ROBERT AINSWORTH, Secretary and Treasurer

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE MONTPELIER, VERMONT

This is our eighteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Chelsea on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1953.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained stable for three years but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in payments authorized by the legislature and increases in cost of services, including rent. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal and State Governments. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance

were about 4.4 percent, the lowest in the North Atlantic States and among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	$ 18,361.00
Aid to the Blind	1,905.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	4,116.00
Aid to the Disabled	420.00
Committed Children**	2,032.61
Total	$ 26,834.61

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

* One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

** One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is the report of your Public Health Nurse for the period January 1, 1953 to January 1, 1954.

Under the present Public Health Nursing program, it has been necessary for local citizen groups and school personnel to take the initiative in developing their own community health programs.

Special projects: In the Spring the Parents Club assisted as volunteers at the Meadowbrook School examinations; Dr. E. O. Angell was the examining physician. The Home Demonstration Club and the School Club assisted as volunteers at the Chelsea Village and West Hill Schools; Dr. Nelson Dente was the school physician. School physicals in the Fall were conducted under the direction of the School Board by Dr. Martin and Dr. Howe of Chelsea who were assisted by the School Club.

The contribution of the Public Health Nurse is essentially educational and her work has included assisting with the health program for infants, pre-school and school children under the supervision of the family physician. She will be glad to know of expectant mothers and mothers of young children who would like to discuss with her the health needs of their families. She would also be glad to help in making plans for the correction of physical defects found at school medical examinations. Besides giving health supervision, your nurse works in close cooperation with the family physician and at his request may give instructions in simple

nursing procedures to the family in the home.

Your Public Health Nurse has also given services to persons reported as having Tuberculosis and other Communicable Diseases since the control of these diseases is delegated by law to the Health Department.

Types of Service

School Health Conference:

*Grade 1-4, Physical Inspections 84, Smallpox Vac. 34, Diphtheria and Tetanus 18 completed; 37 booster.

Infant and Pre-School Health Conference, Physical Inspections 2; Immunizations, Smallpox Vaccinations 2.

Other types of visits:

Antepartum 9, Postpartum 8, Infant Hygiene 3, Pre-School Hygiene 7, School Hygiene 13, Adult Hygiene 2, Visits to Schools 13, Teacher Interviews 8, Citizen interviews in Pre-School Health Program 3.

A card addressed to Miss Doris M. Fish, R. N., Public Health Nursing Division, State Office Bldg., Montpelier, Vermont will reach your Public Health Nurse.

*Physical inspections offered on grades 1 and 3, new and special students. Immunizations offered to first four grades.

RUBY C. CARR, R. N.,
Public Health Nursing Supervisor

BALANCE SHEET—Jan. 1, 1954
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector

		Uncollected Jan. 1, '53	Collected	Abated	Uncollected Jan. 1, '54
1950	Prop.	$ 148.20	$ 148.20	$	$
1951	Prop.	478.39	478.39		
1951	Polls	31.00	8.00	9.00	14.00
1952	Polls	475.50	423.00	10.50	42.00
1952	Prop.	2,855.92	1,926.91		929.01
1953	Polls	4,679.01	4,220.85	10.61	447.55
1953	Prop.	47,364.41	43,598.04		3,766.37
Totals		$56,032.43	50,803.39	30.11	5,198.93

TAXES ABATED

1951	Poll	Jeanne Brown	$ 9.00
1952	Poll	Everett Eastman	10.50
1953	Poll	Lovell Lathrop	10.61
Total			$ 30.11

DELINQUENT TAXES
January 1, 1954

Austin, Lewis and Thelma		
2—1953 Polls	$ 21.12	
1953 Property	7.61	
		$ 28.83
Austin, Ernest and Irene		
2—1953 Polls	$ 21.12	
1953 Property	148.01	
		169.23
Blakney, David and Madeline—1953 Prop.		12.75
Blanchard, A. O.—1953 Prop.		76.10
Boyd, Annie		
1952 Property	$ 77.25	
1953 Property	76.94	
		154.19
Bressette, Elwin—1953 Prop.		6.85
Braman, Frank and Susie—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Buick, Alfred and Barbara—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Cahill, Robert and Pauline—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Clark, Earl and Glendora—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Chelsea Lumber Co.—1953 Prop.		136.98
Chelsea Industries Inc.—1953 Prop.		45.66
Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M.—1953 Prop.		45.66
Coburn, Ralph and Anna—1953 Prop.		129.15
Croft, Linda		
1952 Property	$ 267.38	
1953 Property	296.41	
		563.79
Collins, Henry and Hilda—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Crouse, Allen and Catherine—1953 Prop.		30.20
*Dacier, George A., Jr.—1953 Prop.		60.88
Doyle, Leo and Betty		
2—1953 Polls	$ 21.22	
1953 Property	96.65	
		117.87
Doyle, Merlin and Alice—1953 Prop.		139.11
Downing, Byron		
1952 Polls	$ 10.50	
1953 Polls	10.61	
		21.11
Downing, Edgar and Lillian		
1951 Polls	$ 14.00	
1952 Polls	21.00	

1953 Polls		21.22	
			56.22
Emond, Isaie and Zilla—1953 Prop.			15.22
Gardner, John and Ruth			
2—1953 Polls	$	21.22	
1953 Property		15.22	
			36.44
Goodrich, Joseph and Mae			
2—1953 Polls	$	21.22	
1953 Property		110.35	
			131.57
Hartwell, Clifford—1953 Prop.			9.51
Helmer, Charles and George—1953 Prop.			15.22
Hill, Burton J. and Ella			
1952 Property	$	60.00	
1953 Property		60.88	
			120.88
Hill, Harold			
1952 Polls	$	10.50	
1953 Polls		10.61	
			21.11
Hill, Lloyd and Alice			
2—1953 Polls	$	21.22	
1953 Property		11.42	
			32.64
Holmes, Hazel			
1952 Property	$	99.50	
1953 Property		114.15	
1953 Polls		10.61	
			224.26
Hook, Warren and Grace			
1952 Property	$	99.00	
1953 Property		116.81	
2—1953 Polls		21.22	
			237.03
Hook, Edgar, Estate—1953 Prop.			98.17
Hook, Caroline—1953 Prop.			55.17
Johnson, Thomas and Vivian—1953 Prop.			108.06
Kennedy, Glen and Mildred—1953 Prop.			11.03
*Kill, Harrison and Edith—1953 Prop.			22.83
Luce, Ernest and Harold—1953 Prop.			30.44
Ladd, Orville—1953 Polls			10.61
Luce, Ernest—1953 Property			55.17
Lyford, H. G. and Gertrude—1953 Property			188.72
*Lyon, Ralph—1953 Property			38.20

*Mathers, George and Cecilia—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Mahaney, Robert—1953 Property		38.05
Moulton, Raymond and Electa		
2—1953 Polls	$ 21.22	
1953 Property	144.21	
		165.43
Morey, Inez—1953 Property		64.69
Moxley, Guy and Lena		
2—1953 Polls	$ 21.22	
1953 Property	45.66	
		66.88
Moxey, Guy and Shirlock G.—1953 Prop.		324.95
New England Tel. and Tel. Co.—1953 Prop.		11.42
O'Donnell, Harry and Marion		
1952 Property	$ 92.00	
1953 Property	138.50	
		230.50
O'Donnell, Kenneth—1953 Property		102.74
Paul, Edward and Winifred—1953 Poll		10.61
Peake, E. M. and Mabel—1953 Property		39.95
Pratt, Elmer and Olive		
1952 Property	$ 68.00	
1953 Property	121.76	
		189.76
Rathburn, Mary J., heirs—1953 Property		15.22
Renfrew, Josie		
1952 Property	$ 43.88	
1953 Property	80.29	
		124.17
Sanborn, Clyde and Beatrice—1953 Polls		12.54
Stevens, Eldred and Vivian		
1952 Property	$ 107.00	
1953 Property	176.93	
		283.93
*Teevan, Barbara		
1952 Property	$ 15.00	
1953 Property	15.22	
		30.22
Thompson, Cecil and Eva—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Thomas, Leonard and Nellie—1953 Property		17.12
Whitehurst, Julius and Evelyn—1953 Property		39.57
Winters, Paul and Jennie—2 1953 Polls		21.22
Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.—1953 Prop.		2.28
Rock Appliance Co.—1953 Property		2.28

* Paid before Jan. 15, 1954—$173.35

Annual Report of the SCHOOL BOARD for the Town School District of Chelsea, Vermont

SCHOOLS DIRECTORS' REPORT
For School Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Receipts

Receipts as per Treasurer's Book	$ 52,834.88
Bank Balance July 1, 1952	1,925.19
Total Receipts	$ 54,760.07
Orders drawn	53,256.93
Balance	$ 1,503.14

Reconciliation of Balance

Balance as above	$ 1,503.14
Outstanding orders	1,260.67
Bank balance June 30, 1953	$ 2,763.81

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

Year as of June 30:	
1949 net debt	$ 3,718.97
1950 net debt	11,158.79
1951 net debt	11,147.74
1952 net debt	11,074.81
1953 net debt	11,496.86

Summary of Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	$ 19,352.18
State Teachers' Retirement	1,790.48
Director of Internal Revenue	2,929.90
Vermont Tax Department	339.80
Superintendent	1,254.15
School Directors	234.15
Janitors	2,617.50
Transportation	4,873.91
Fuel	2,360.93
Repairs	417.66
Supplies	1,518.44
Books	799.07
Lights	487.11
Telephone	121.61
Insurance	641.09
Money repaid and interest	13,189.17
Labor	80.02
Miscellaneous	249.76
	$ 53,256.93

ITEMIZED EXPENSES
July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953
Village School

Teachers:			
David W. Shipp	($3,650.00)		$ 2,585.16
Mrs. Frances Ladd	(2,154.29)		1,978.23
Mrs. Wendell Eaton	(341.73)		251.38
Arthur H. Scott	(2,700.00)		2,067.22
Forrest Perkins	(3,200.00)		2,725.80
Elmer C. Roberts	(2,000.00)		1,760.16
Mrs. Etta B. Giles	(1,850.00)		1,408.24
Mrs. Marietta C. Churchill	(1,950.00)		1,475.35
Mrs. Ruth Hartwell	(2,150.00)		1,635.74
			$ 15,887.28
Substitute Teaching			48.00
Music Teachers:			
Mrs. Arline Titus		$ 396.00	
Mrs. Jean Fitts		252.00	
			648.00
Janitor:			
Clyde Lyon			2,582.50
Transportation:			
Dwight McCullough		$ 2,542.50	
Angier Edwards		365.50	
Glenn A. Button		100.20	
Edgar Downing		48.90	
J. Gordon Philbrick		52.71	
Robert Ainsworth		56.10	
			3,165.91
Fuel:			
High school building, coal $982.50; wood $58.00; gas $98.00		$ 1,138.50	
Agri. Bldg. (nut coal)		291.86	
Gymnasium (oil)		772.82	
			2,203.18
Electricity			425.40
Telephone			121.61
Total for village school			$ 25,081.88

Meadow Brook School (No. 1)

Teacher:		
Mrs. Bessie Stender	($1,850.00)	$ 1,402.88

Transportation:		
Vernon N. Hook	$ 1,028.00	
Mrs. Robert Lemery	680.00	
		1,708.00
Fuel (oil)		127.75
Electricity		29.07
Total		$ 3,267.70

West Hill School (No. 9)

Teacher:		
Mrs. Alice Allen	($1,800.00)	$ 1,366.02
Fuel (wood)		30.00
Janitor, Fay Sprague		35.00
Electricity		32.64
Total		$ 1,463.66

All Schools

(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$ 234.15
Superintendent, A. C. Parker	1,254.15
State Teachers' Retirement	1,790.48
Director of Internal Revenue	2,929.90
Vt. State Tax Department	339.80
Repairs	417.66
Supplies	1,518.44
Books	799.07
Insurance	641.09
Money repaid and interest	13,189.17
Labor	80.02
Miscellaneous	249.76
Total	$ 23,443.69

Summary

Village School	$ 25,081.88
No. 1	3,267.70
No. 9	1,463.66
All Schools	23,443.69
Total	$ 53,256.93

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For School Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1952	$ 3,247.12
Town Tax	23,391.83

State Treasurer, State Aid	13,287.88
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	1,039.65
Refunds on insurance and typewriter	95.50
Rent of Gymnasium	22.50
Veteran's Training Program	261.73
Lease land rentals	32.25
Roberts Fund	1,225.00
Refunds on telephone toll calls	14.86
Sale of paper, etc.	87.28
Tuitions	370.00
Note at bank	13,000.00
Miscellaneous	6.40
Total	$ 56,082.00

Disbursements

Current orders paid	$ 51,996.26
Paid orders outstanding July 1, 1952	1,321.93
Total	$ 53,318.19
Balance on hand June 30, 1953	$ 2,763.81

Outstanding Orders June 30, 1953

No. 570	Jean Fitts	$ 21.00
No. 590	Frances Ladd	109.58
No. 591	Mrs. Wendell Eaton	70.09
No. 592	David W. Shipp	258.98
No. 600	Bessie Stender	140.46
No. 607	State Teacher's Retirement	543.20
No. 608	Vermont Tax Department	97.36
No. 609	Mary P. Brunelle	20.00
Total		$ 1,260.67

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1953	$ 2,763.81
Town School Tax	24,155.89
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,249.58
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	851.05
Insurance Refund on No. 8 school	5.04
Refund on pipe stock and dies	31.86
Refund on interest	5.83
Refund in insurance	94.00
Total	$ 43,157.06

Disbursements

Total orders paid		31,765.85
Balance on hand December 31, 1953		$ 11,391.21

Outstanding Orders December 31, 1953

No. 835	Alice Allen	$ 150.50
No. 838	Gregg Awards Dept.	.75
No. 845	R. F. Billings	95.00
No. 848	J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	57.95
No. 849	Nesco, Inc.	2.31
No. 850	Capitol City Press, Inc.	3.27
No. 855	Jean Fitts	29.00
No. 857	State Teacher's Retirement	776.98
No. 858	Gregg Awards Dept.	1.30
No. 859	Vermont Tax Department	106.50
No. 860	Central Vermont Public Service	59.65
No. 865	Director of Internal Revenue	315.60
		$ 1,598.81

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

July 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Teachers' salaries	$ 8,378.96
Music Teachers	303.00
State Teacher's Retirement System	776.98
Director of Internal Revenue	1,282.60
Commissioner of Taxes (State Tax)	144.24
Janitors	1,310.00
Superintendent	630.18
School Directors	14.75
Transportation	1,976.06
Fuel	1,271.03
Repairs	211.33
Supplies	1,212.45
Text Books	617.00
Electricity	184.75
Telephone	58.90
Insurance	389.30
Borrowed money repaid and interest	13,075.00
Labor	110.59
Miscellaneous	156.87
Total	$ 32,103.99

To the Voters:

By act of the 1953 legislature, towns may collect State Aid on school buildings recently erected, and we have applied for and expect to receive money from the state on both the gymnasium and agricultural buildings.

No. 8 schoolhouse was sold the past year and the proceeds were put into the town general fund.

A tax of $3.65, an increase of $.05, would practically balance the school budget.

FRANKLIN D. BURBANK,
I. S. RUSHWORTH,
MARION W. BUTTON,
School Directors

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ENSUING YEAR

Teachers' salaries	$ 26,450.00
Janitors	2,800.00
School Directors	275.00
Superintendent	1,350.00
Music	700.00
Transportation	4,775.00
Fuel	3,000.00
Repairs	600.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Books	700.00
Electricity	600.00
Telephone	125.00
Insurance	550.00
Labor	150.00
Interest on money	200.00
	$ 43,775.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Treas., School Aid	$ 15,800.00
State Treas., Vocational Ed.	1,000.00
Tuition	900.00
Roberts Fund	1,400.00
Lease land rent	30.00
Sale of paper to pupils	45.00
Town tax of $3.65	24,500.00
	$ 43,675.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1953, and is part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and the four-teacher village graded school were each maintained for 170 days. The high school was in session for 175 days. The average number of pupils enrolled in the elementary schools was 158 and the average daily attendance was 151.29. The average number of high school pupils was 59 with average daily attendance of 54.83. There were two non-resident high school pupils with average daily attendance of 1.97. The average cost per pupil was, for elementary school $154.97, and for high school $302.78. Forty-three elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of $113.34 for the year.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 168. One hundred fifty were promoted, six were promoted conditionally, and twelve transferred to other schools. There were sixty-one different high school pupils enrolled, fifty-one were promoted, one was promoted conditionally, two were not promoted, one transferred to another school, and six dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance for all schools during the year was 95.52. Vision and hearing tests were administered by the teachers. Standardized achievement tests given at the close of the year showed that pupils progressed satisfactorily in their school work.

The needed text books, materials of instruction, and equipment have been furnished for the elementary schools. Revised reading books were provided in grade four and a number of new seats and desks were made available for increases in enrollment in all of the schools. More new furniture will be needed next year. New reading books should be purchased for grade five and a new series of health texts is needed for all the grades. The gymnasium floor was sanded and completely refinished, and the spring houses for the village school water supply were repaired. The ceiling of the main study room of the high school should be repaired and redecorated, and the water supply at the West Hill

school should be improved, if possible.

Much credit is due the sponsoring agency and its efficient workers for the handling of the school lunch program which is greatly appreciated by children and parents.

I am grateful to the school directors, parents, teachers, community organizations and townspeople for their helpful interest and generous support of our school program.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT REPORT
Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

Repaid money borrowed	$ 1,010.00
Interest paid	723.25
Total orders drawn	$ 1,733.25

FRANKLIN D. BURBANK

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	$ 652.71
Town Tax	1,677.49
Total	$ 2,330.20

Disbursements

Paid 1953 orders	1,733.25
Balance December 31, 1953	$ 596.95

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1, 1954

Assets

Cash on hand	$ 596.95

Liabilities

Notes Payable	28,200.00
Excess Liabilities over assets	$ 27,603.05

REPORT OF VETERANS' TRAINING PROGRAM

As was reported last year, 1952, the Veterans' Training Program at Chelsea was completed June 30, 1952. At that time there was one outstanding order, No. 348, of $56.58, and a balance of $261.73 owed to the school for electricity, fuel, insurance, use of tools, etc. These items, together with waiting for final approval of our account by officials in Washington, D. C., made it impossible to render a final statement last year.

This is to report that the outstanding order has been paid, the balance of $261.73 paid to the School Treasurer and final approval received from Washington terminating the Program.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

1953

Jan. 5—Cahill, Donna Marie, daughter to Frederick Earl and Loretta M. (Guay).

Jan. 21—Braman, Marilyn Jane, daughter to Howard Arthur and Mae Ethel (Payne).

Feb. 21—Naef, Michael Frederick, son to Frederick A. and Charlene B. (Marble).

Feb. 28—Maynard, Susan Dawn, daughter to Byron B. and Doris M. (Ploof).

Mar. 5—Cahill, Brian Archie, son to Francis Robert and Pauline I. (Morey).

April 25—Whipple, Barbara Jean, daughter to Winfred I. and Mabel Edna (Shannon).

May 2—Ladd, Charles Henry, son to Donald Mathers and Frances L. (Bryant).

May 8—Avery, William James, son to William O. and Marilyn E. (Martin).

May 12—Keyser, Christopher Scott, son to Frank Ray, Jr. and Joan (Friedgen).

May 12—Hook, Shirley Ann, daughter to Clyde L. and Betty Ann M. (LaFrancis).

May 17—Doyle, Sandra Lee, daughter to Merlin Thomas and Alice M. (Taplin).

June 2—Eastman, June Marie, daughter to Everett Charles and Bertha M. (Rabine).

June 7—Tucker, Theresa Lyla, daughter to Lee C. and Vivian I. (Lyon).

June 8—Kennedy, Judith Ann, daughter to Ernest H. and Sadie E. (Parshley).

June 10—Wilkinson, James Edgar III, son to James E., Jr. and Betty I. (Walker).

July 9—Button, Kenneth Roy, son to Walter F. and Ruth L. (Dodge).

July 25—Boardman, Daniel Alfred, son to Alfred K. and Phyllis A. (Mattoon).

Aug. 18—Farnham, Philip Amos III, son to Philip A., Jr. and Jean M. (Hatch).

Nov. 12—Buick, Ervin R., son to Alfred A. and Barbara M.

Dec. 18—Kennedy, Jeffry Scott, son to Walter L. and Phyllis I. (Playful).

Dec. 21—Braman, Anthony Walter, son to Walter E. and Lorraine B. (Ricker).

Marriages

Feb. 28—Melvin, William Beattie and Donna May Lyon, both of Chelsea.

Mar. 17—Dukette, Rudolph of Graniteville and Joanne Pratt of Chelsea.

May 31—Allen, Laurence Obed of Chelsea and Agnes M. Welsh of Tunbridge.

June 19—Widli, Joseph R. of Middlebury, Vt. and Patricia Agnes Coburn of Chelsea.

June 21—Densmore, Richard Maurice of Chelsea and Nancy Ida Durkee of Tunbridge.

Sept. 19—McCullough, Alan Harry and Jean Marilyn Sprague, both of Chelsea.

Oct. 17—Howe, Luke Amos of Chelsea and Patricia Savage of Burlington.

Nov. 14—Coburn, Donald A. of Randolph and Marion L. Renfrew of Chelsea.

Deaths

Feb. 9—Lucas, Lewis Norris, age 83 yrs. (in Norwalk, Conn.).

Feb. 26—Phillips, Christopher H., age 50 yrs.

Feb. 10—Robie, Mary Ellen, age 69 yrs. (in Montpelier, Vt.).

April 18—Briggs, Fred William, age 68 yrs. (in Monroe, N. Y.).

Mar. 23—Corwin, Jessie Griffith, age 84 yrs. (in Orlando, Fla.).

May 28—Tilton, Rolla B., age 68 yrs.

May 28—Clark, Flora, age 64 yrs.

June 14—George, Ernest, age 66 yrs. (in Weymouth, Mass.).

June 16—Bicknell, Neva Marion, age 57 yrs.

July 7—Young, Katie Barnes, age 77 yrs. (in Tunbridge).

July 14—McAllister, Glen F., age 66 yrs. (in South Royalton).

Aug. 6—Sargent, Bernice Anna, age 69 yrs. (in Hartford, Vt.).

Aug. 15—Green, Kate Whitney, age 82 yrs. (in Vershire).

Aug. 25—Mayall, Jennie, age 94 yrs. (in Paxton, Mass.).

Sept. 10—Adsit, Harry, age 62 yrs.

Sept. 10—Bacon, Leonard Hovey, Jr., age 35 yrs. (in Burlington, Vt.).

Sept. 11—Merchant, Ralph, age 81 yrs. (in Barre).
Oct. 12—Dukette, Nelson Calaise, age yrs. (in Plainfield, Vt.).
Oct. 19—Blakeney, Melvina Grace, age 3 yrs.
Oct. 20—Gillick, Patrick, age 75 yrs.
Nov. 22—Eastman, Everett C., age 43 yrs.
Nov. 27—Bacon, George F., age 76 yrs.
Dec. 2—Yeartaw, Carrie May, age 83 yrs.
Dec. 15—Dumont, Edith Kimball, age 73 yrs.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $200.00 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine blister rust.

18. To see if the town will vote to sell a certain piece of land formerly used as a playground on the south side of the road near the No. 1 schoolhouse, and if so voted, to elect an agent to convey the same.

19. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1954.

20. To see if the town will vote to continue the Revolving Medical Fund.

21. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

22. To see if the Freemen will vote to accept or reject the proposed articles of amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont.

23. To hear the report of the committee investigating the possibility of a roster of names of the Veterans of all wars to be placed in the Town Hall.

24. To see if the town will vote to accept or reject resolutions relating to Sections 655 and 663 of the Vermont Statutes.

25. Will the town authorize the auditors of the town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town?

26. To transact any other proper business.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
ANGIER EDWARDS,
LYMAN J. FITTS,
Selectmen.

Chelsea, Vt., Feb. 12, 1954.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1954, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoint a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise to retire the indebtedness of the school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will raise for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suitable marking of War Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. 47 as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1954, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed:

DAVID C. GILMAN,
F. RAY KEYSER, JR.,
ALBERTA G. DACIER,
Auditors

TOWN OFFICERS 1954 - 1955

Moderator		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk		Esther E. Smith
Treasurer		Esther E. Smith
Selectmen	Angier M. J. Edwards	Term expires 1955
	L. J. Fitts	Term expires 1956
	Merle Colby	Term expires 1957
Overseer of Poor		Walter L. Kennedy
Road Commissioner		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes		W. S. Gilman
Listers	George Edwards	Term expires 1955
	Everett F. Spear	Term expires 1956
	Berthold C. Coburn	Term expires 1957
School Directors	I. S. Rushworth	Term expires 1955
	Mrs. Marion W. Button	Term expires 1956
	James B. Wilkinson, Jr	Term expires 1957
Auditors	David C. Gilman	Term expires 1955
	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	Term expires 1956
	Mrs. Alberta G. Dacier	Term expires 1957
1st Constable		W. S. Gilman
Trustees of Public Money		Term expires 1955
	Ralph H. Coburn	Term expires 1956
	Harry L. Hayward	Term expires 1957
Trustees of Public Library	Rachel Comstock	Term expires 1955
	O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Term expires 1956
	M. S. Bicknell	Term expires 1957
	*Doris Hill	Term expires 1958
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1959
Superintendent of School		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board		I. S. Rushworth
Town Grand Jurors		O. Fay Allen, Jr., William Roberts
Town Agent		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber		James B. Wilkinson, Jr.
Fence Viewers		George P. Bradshaw, Sabin T. Densmore
Weigher of Coal		Henry F. Gates
Cemetery Comm.	Stanley C. Wilson	Term expires 1955
	Edward B. Hatch	Term expires 1956
	Percy J. Heath	Term expires 1957
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1958
	E. Harold Colby	Term expires 1959

* Appointed until elected.

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.
1954

Population 1,024, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highway 85.949, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 5,992.79
Polls, 434	434.00
	$ 6,426.79

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1950	$6,267.35	$6.00
1951	6,707.29	6.50
1952	6,683.38	7.50
1953	6,709.97	7.61
1954	6,426.79	7.60

Total Tax Raised
(School and Old Age Included)

1950	$38,789.11
1951	44,767.97
1952	51,475.74
1953	52,043.42
1954	50,147.19

TOWN ACCOUNT
Assets

(Real Estate and Personal Property not included)

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1955:		
General Town Account		$ 23,288.96
State Aid Account		474.09
Revolving Medical Fund		34.41
Snow Roads		64.32
Unselected Highway		426.33
		$ 24,288.11
Uncollected taxes		6,804.47
U. S. War Bonds		45.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm		1,154.66
Sale of Blake property to Ralph Coburn	$ 600.00	
Paid	397.76	
		202.24
		$ 32,494.48

Liabilities

On notes at bank — Selectmen	$ 42,500.00
Outstanding orders	1,220.97
	$ 43,720.97
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 11,226.49

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

1949	Excess of liabilities over assets	$ 2,963.26
1950	Excess of liabilities over assets	5,731.48
1951	Excess of liabilities over assets	21,306.42
1952	Excess of liabilities over assets	15,280.42
1953	Excess of liabilities over assets	12,221.86
1954	Excess of liabilities over assets	11,226.49

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed as per listers' appraisal)

Real Estate—		
Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00	
Garage	1,500.00	
Town Forest	50.00	
Town Hall	10,000.00	
Town Barn	50.00	
Black Hawk Property	500.00	
Goodwin lot	500.00	
		$ 13,660.00
Dental Equipment	$ 800.00	
Office Equipment	1,100.00	
Town Equipment	500.00	
Tools, etc.	100.00	
Tractor and plow	3,000.00	
Barco drill and drills	25.00	
Motor grader, plows and equip.	8,500.00	
		14,025.00
Materials and Supplies on Hand—		
Wood at Town Hall	$ 200.00	
Oils, greases and fuel oil	100.00	
Bridge plank, 4000 ft. @ $70.00	280.00	
Grader blades	100.00	
Clutch and pressure plates, RD-6	125.00	
Wood at Garage	25.00	
		830.00
Total		$ 28,515.00

Inventory of School Property

School building in District No. 1	$ 1,000.00	
School building in District No. 2	4,000.00	
School building in District No. 5	1,000.00	
School building in District No. 9	1,000.00	
Gymnasium	24,000.00	
Agricultural building	7,775.00	
		$ 38,775.00
Equipment and furniture		500.00
Books and supplies		500.00
Total		$ 39,775.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954		$ 1,464.62
From W. S. Gilman, Collector		
On 1954 List	$ 45,696.87	
Delinquent taxes	2,844.78	
		48,541.65
From State Treasurer		
State Aid Maintenance	$ 200.00	
Winter Maintenance	1,806.50	
State Aid Resurfacing	348.50	
Surface Treatment	421.38	
Construction	4,886.98	
Unselected Highway	10,134.00	
Selected Highway (½¢ gas tax)	3,543.19	
		17,340.55
Money borrowed		29,000.00
Revolving Medical Fund		221.90
Refunds to Overseer's account		2,810.54
Rent of Town Hall		30.00
Dog licenses, minus fees		395.25
Lease land rent		64.57
Use of bulldozer and grader		82.00
Sale of town report		.25
Refund Memorial Day appropriation		2.74
Interstate Equipment Co., refund on bill paid		25.49
Dudley, refund on telephone call to Mt. Holly		.63

U. S. Treasury, interest on U. S. Bond	5.00
2nd class license	37.50
Ralph Coburn, payments on Blake property	80.85
Frank Ordway, ½ expense replanking bridge	111.90
Farmer's Co-op. Fire Ins. Co., refund on Blake house	2.00
Arthur Anderson, chloride	5.60
Sceva Speare, refund on tarvia drive at Brookhaven	408.87
Sale of dynamite	9.14
Brookhaven Home for Boys, lieu of taxes	342.45
Chelsea Health Center, refund on payment expense	471.07
Town of Washington, use of equipment	206.75
Broken bridge globes	17.00
Sale of bridge plank	16.87
Old Colony Trust, upkeep of town hall	30.00
Old Colony Trust, electricity	95.00
Sale of gravel	2.00
Guy Ladd	16.64
Bookkeeping Receipt Entries:	
State Aid No. 99 use of equipment	9.75
State Aid Resurfacing, town share	1,000.00
Selected Highway, use of equipment	182.25
Unselected Highway, use of equipment	281.25
State Aid No. 665	231.50
Road Commissioner, State Aid	1,000.00
Total Receipts	$108,543.58

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's Orders—		
General Account	$ 46,932.52	
State Aid	7,340.70	
Unselected Highway	9,749.86	
Selected Highway	3,652.25	
State Aid — Resurfacing	553.79	
Corinth Road — Seal Coat	638.74	
Snow Roads	2,156.24	
Revolving Medical Fund	289.59	
		$ 71,313.69
Paid Road Commissioner's Orders		6,466.65
Paid Overseer's Orders		5,029.14
Paid Auditor's order for balance of school tax		1,228.65

Paid Auditor's order for balance of gym tax		217.34
Total	$	84,255.47
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$	24,288.11

Accounts Receivable

Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer	$	15.00
Guy Moxley, use of bulldozer		9.00
Total	$	24.00

Outstanding Orders

General Account—		
Mar. 5, 1954		
No. 734—Will Rutz	$	3.00
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 28—Archie Bailey		1.50
Dec. 31, 1954		
No. 33—Ernest Royce		23.81
	$	28.31
Unselected Highway—		
Dec. 10, 1954		
No. 216—Amos Giles	$	522.00
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 218—Director of Internal Revenue		67.50
No. 219—Vt. State Treasurer		8.09
No. 220—Vt. State Treasurer		65.12
	$	662.71
State Aid No. 665—		
Dec. 13, 1954		
No. 227—Mystic Bituminous Products	$	371.70
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 229—Vt. State Treasurer		.73
	$	372.43
State Aid No. 100—		
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 420—Vt. State Treasurer	$	.36
State Aid No. 99—		
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 326—Vt. State Treasurer	$	4.50
Selected Highway—		
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 43—Director of Internal Revenue	$	17.70

No. 44—Vt. State Treasurer		1.92
No. 45—Vt. State Treasurer		27.80
	$	47.42
Snow Roads—		
Dec. 29, 1954		
No. 332—A. C. Coburn	$	9.80
No. 333—Dwight McCullough		8.57
	$	18.37
Overseer's Account—		
Dec. 22, 1954		
No. 945—Dept. of Social Welfare	$	86.87

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1954

In spite of a smaller grand list, we appear to have reduced by $995.37 our liabilities over assets in 1954.

The grader purchased in 1951 has served us for almost four years with no major expenses. To the best of our calculations, if we continued to use it for another four years, we would have paid as much or more to maintain the old one than to trade it for a new one.

If the 50 cent "grader tax" is continued as an "equipment tax," we believe we can take care of the equipment situation.

We believe a continuation of the 217 cent town tax will meet the current expenses and permit us to reduce the town's indebtedness unless we run into some unforeseeable expenses.

ANGIER EDWARDS,
L. J. FITTS,
MERLE G. COLBY,
Selectmen

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$	2,136.31
Town Hall		921.41
Miscellaneous		1,393.23
Tractor and Snow Plow		1,684.46
Loans Paid and Interest		7,222.29
Bridges		1,776.28
Streets and Roads		1,836.52
Appropriations		1,000.00
Taxes Assessed		2,561.52

Insurance	520.98
Grader	1,843.88
Elections	82.00
School	22,255.11
Gymnasium	1,389.09
	$ 45,623.38

Town Officers

O. F. Allen, Town Officer bonds	$ 34.15
Ralph Coburn, Health Officer	75.72
F. Ray Keyser, Jr., Auditing	46.00
Alberta G. Dacier, Auditing	58.30
David Gilman, Auditing	50.00
B. C. Coburn, Listing	329.54
George Edwards, Listing	244.00
Everett Spear, Listing	175.00
Walter Kennedy, Overseer and selectman	157.20
Merle Colby, Selectman	66.04
Angier Edwards, Selectman	123.50
L. J. Fitts, Selectman	122.00
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector	493.31
Esther E. Smith, Treasurer and postage	161.85
	$ 2,136.61

Town Hall

Ernest Royce, care of town hall	$ 463.29
A. F. Sanborn & Son, supplies	40.69
C. V. P. S. Corp., lights	52.76
F. Ray and Ellen L. Keyser, water rent	6.00
Billy Melvin, sawing wood	9.00
Eudah Kendall, 7 cords dry wood	110.00
George Hayward, moving Kendall wood	10.00
George Hayward, 5 cord 4 foot wood	60.00
Sabin Densmore, Jr., 10 cords wood	160.00
Kenneth McFarlane, moving rubbish	3.00
A. C. Coburn, labor	1.50
Henry Gates, kerosene	1.64
Dan Campbell, raking leaves	3.53
	$ 921.41

Miscellaneous

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	$ 86.98
Postage	26.14
O. E. Burgess Estate, labor in town forest	89.50
Ernest Royce, mowing commons	9.70

John Osmer, mowing commons	72.67
Henry Osmer, mowing commons	45.25
O. E. Burgess, removing leaves from commons	38.04
Lawrence Allen, labor with tractor	14.50
Capital City Press, roll mend-a-tape	1.90
C. V. Public Service, garage lights	36.55
Henry Gates, kerosene, alcohol, and solderseal	16.88
Brighton Steel Co., tow chain	42.08
Tuttle Stationary Co., office supplies	62.84
Chelsea Job Press, town reports, ballot and tax notices	337.66
A. C. Coburn, removing hay from Atwood lot	18.75
James McCauly, cutting and removing hay from Atwood lot	15.00
White River Herald, Advertising civil authority meeting	1.50
Barre Daily Times	1.60
M. L. Hayward, sharpening lawn mowers	12.00
Rita Edwards, lettering sign	2.00
Dr. Luke A. Howe, reporting communicable diseases	1.25
Dr. Brewster Martin, reporting communicable diseases	.75
W. S. Gilman, Collector — taxes for Warren Hook	35.00
Warren Hook, removing trees from common	60.00
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor Moxley dump	13.72
Dwight McCullough, labor town dump	43.72
Maurice McCullough, labor town dump	10.78
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor town dump	5.88
George Hayward, labor town dump	5.88
Orville Ladd, labor town dump	5.88
George Hayward, moving wood from commons	10.00
Lois Reed, care Wiggins cemetery	10.00
David Blakeney, mowing Laird and Old cemeteries	56.00
Esther Smith, copying Grand List book	5.00
Dr. Thomas Dunleavy, examination of Katherine Hook, Patrick Gillick and Melvina Blakeney	39.03
Burton Stevens, dog damage	14.75
Kennedy's Garage	50.80
Dr. William Putnam, examination of Henry Adset	13.50
John Pagac, fixing town clock	5.00
Leon Stevens, care of town clock	60.00
Robbins & Robbins, 4 padlocks	5.75
Edw. W. Peet, insurance on Blake house, refund	2.00
Clyde Hook, removing tree from road	1.50
Cities Service Station, use of cutting torch	.50
Charles Button, care of culvert	5.00
	$ 1,393.23

Notes and Interest

Orange County Branch Bank, loan paid	$ 5,953.44
Orange County Branch Bank, interest paid	1,268.85
	$ 7,222.29

School and Gymnasium

Taxes raised, School	$ 22,255.11
Taxes raised, Gymnasium	1,389.09
	$ 23,644.20

Snow Plow

Casellini-Venable, truck snow plow	$ 145.00
Bailey Bros., snow plow parts	22.45
Dwight McCullough, labor on snow plow	148.61
Maurice McCullough, labor on snow plow	83.50
Kennedy's Garage, welding	115.74
	$ 515.30

Tractor

Casellini-Venable, tractor parts	$ 180.80
Lowell McLeod, steel for dozer	24.71
Dwight McCullough, labor on tractor	23.90
Maurice McCullough, labor on tractor	24.50
A. C. Coburn, labor on tractor	15.68
O. E. Burgess, labor on tractor	8.82
Noble Belisle, bush and pin lags	523.44
Shell Oil Fuel	31.21
Gulf Oil Co., oil for tractor and hydraulic	130.38
John Rowell, moving D-6	145.00
Bob DuBois, moving D-6	10.00
Mike Kennedy, carrying parts to White River and going after	42.00
A. F. Sanborn & Son, parts for tractor	8.72
	$ 1,169.16

Motor Grader

Shell Oil Co., gas	$ 909.20
Gulf Oil Co., oil	92.07
Interstate Equipment Co., parts and labor	777.19
Dwight McCullough, labor	61.17
Dessureau's Machine and Repair Co., steel	4.25
	$ 1,843.88

Street and Roads

C. V. Public Service, street lights	$ 335.50

James F. O'Shea, salt	369.89
State Treasurer, engineers	43.47
Blacktop, Inc., 13,700 lbs. patch	44.53
A. C. Coburn, tending lights	10.00
Casellini-Venable, 100 ft. snow fence, 11 posts	33.13
Treas. Town of Chelsea, money for Brook Road	1,000.00
	$ 1,836.52

Bridges

Ralph Coburn, labor, use of tools and truck	$ 445.95
A. J. Buick, labor	131.47
Earl Doyle, labor	60.76
A. C. Coburn, labor	2.95
Orlando Braman, labor	8.82
Lowell McLeod, steel for courthouse bridge	80.69
Irving Fifield, labor	22.54
Richard Amidon, labor	23.52
Elwin Kendall, labor	13.72
Harley Holt, 10,497 ft. bridge plank	734.79
George A. Dacier, sawing plank and 500 ft. stringers	47.77
Charles Parker, labor	20.00
J. O. Choinard, labor	26.50
Orville Ladd, labor	9.80
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	5.88
Dwight McCullough, labor	19.45
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor	9.86
W. S. Gilman, Collector, Taxes for Linda Parker for stringers and plank	94.72
Carl Downing, trucking plank	5.00
Grady's Welding & Supply Co., gas	12.09
	$ 1,776.28

Election

Marion Grant, ballot clerk	$ 10.00
Alice Edwards, ballot clerk	10.00
Will Rutz, ballot clerk	3.00
Will Hall, ballot clerk	3.00
Helena Sargent, ballot clerk	9.00
Minnie Goodwin, ballot clerk	6.00
Harry Hayward, ballot clerk	7.00
Mrs. John Bellefeuille, ballot clerk	7.00
Eudah Kendall, ballot clerk	3.00
Esther E. Smith, clerk	24.00
	$ 82.00

Insurance

O. F. Allen, tractor insurance	$	21.25
Farm Bureau Mutual, grader insurance		54.76
Union Mutual Insurance, town hall		83.37
Granite Mutual Insurance, town hall		41.60
Farm Bureau Auto Ins., Workmen's Compensation		215.90
Vermont Mutual Insurance, town hall		41.60
O. F. Allen, officer's bonds		62.50
	$	520.98

Appropriations

Library	$	500.00
Highland Cemetery		400.00
Memorial Day		100.00
	$	1,000.00

Taxes

County Treasurer, 3¢ tax	$	201.30
State Highway Assessment		811.82
State Treasurer, O. A. B. tax		1,171.80
Vermont Extension Service, 1954 assessment		258.45
University of Vermont, lease land rent		3.10
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector, taxes abated		15.16
Withholding and Social Security taxes		99.89
	$	2,561.52

Revolving Medical Fund

Disbursements from the Fund this year for four persons or families was $289.59, of which two have been repaid in full and the other two are being repaid, total payment being $221.90. The following accounts for which no effort has been made for repayment are collectible:

1952	John Gardner	$	14.50
1952	Elmer Pratt		33.00
1952	David Blakeney		31.40
1952	Lloyd Hill		33.00
1953	Linda Croft Parker		106.00
	Total	$	217.90

It is recommended that the Revolving Medical Fund be continued another year.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Overseer of Poor

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highways system comprises 85.31 miles of roads, divided as follows: 8 miles "state aid" highway: 10.75 miles "state" highway, and 66.56 miles of "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line. The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Rogers' to the Arthur Bacon place, and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

General Highway Account

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Money Available

Town tax of $1.00		$ 6,426.79
Total orders drawn	$ 6,451.81	
Overdraft 1953 account	5.56	
		6,457.37
Overdraft		$ 30.58

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck, shovel	$ 1,765.98
Maurice McCullough, labor	438.56
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor	146.11
A. C. Coburn, labor	320.49
O. E. Burgess, labor	140.06
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	182.20
Orville, Ladd, labor	106.07
Frank O'Brien, labor	57.33
George Hayward, labor and man and truck	440.62
Kenneth Maynard, labor	158.34
Orlando Braman, labor	163.21
Mike Kennedy, man and truck	456.00
Raymond Moulton, labor	8.82
Everett LaFrancis, labor	40.00
Kermit LaFrancis, labor	92.00
O. Fay Allen, renewal of bond	5.00
Vernon Hook, labor	38.00
Athol Coburn, man and team	29.80
Warren Hook, labor	18.00
Harry O'Donnell, labor	41.50
Clyde Hook, labor	32.50

Elwin Kendall, labor	179.00
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor	30.40
Arthur O'Donnell, labor	28.00
Sabin Densmore honing and turning water	21.10
Richard Woodworth, man and tractor	26.40
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector, taxes for Kenneth O'Donnell	7.60
State Treasurer, Social Security	101.27
Vermont Tax Dept., Withholding Tax	12.13
Dir. of Int. Rev., Federal Withholding tax	118.20
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	44.53
Amos Giles, 1,746 yds. gravel @ 10¢	174.60
A. F. Sanborn, repairing water pipe	11.59
Chelsea Job Press, time sheets and order books	4.50
E. H. Colby, forks and shovels	11.90
Town Treas., State Aid Account	1,000.00
	$ 6,451.81

Unselected Highways

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$ 23.30
State Treasurer	10,134.00
Bulldozing	12.00
Sale of dynamite and caps	6.89
Total	$ 10,176.19
Orders drawn	10,378.99
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1955	$ 202.80

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor use of truck and shovel	$ 2,314.12
Maurice McCullough, labor	388.82
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor	390.71
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	451.03
Orville Ladd, labor and use of chain saw	65.04
George Hayward, labor, man and truck and use of chain saw	535.94
Cecil Densmore, labor	20.20
Frank O'Brien, labor	185.22
Kenneth Maynard, labor	120.84
O. E. Burgess, labor	323.12
A. C. Coburn, labor	403.76
Raymond Moulton, labor	163.11
T. N. Hill, labor	12.00
W. S. Gilman, man and chain saw	37.50

John Hayward, men and truck, labor	656.15
Allen Ogilvie, labor	57.82
Mike Kennedy, man and truck	450.00
Don Orr, man and truck	36.00
Gile Kendall, man and truck	278.00
L. E. Lamson, man and truck	252.00
Paul Russell, tractor and backhoe	60.00
Bob DuBois, moving shovel	32.00
Jack Kennedy, use of wrecker	16.50
Hill Martin Corp., rental of compressor and Jack hammer	100.00
L. B. Bowen, 4 rolls wire	35.90
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	1,670.44
Vt. Explosive Co., dynamite and caps	132.65
Dir. Int. Rev., Federal Withholding tax	104.60
Vt. State Treas., State Withholding tax	12.61
Vt. State Treasurer, Social Security	141.66
Guy Moxley, 1,280 yds. gravel @ 10¢	128.00
Amos Giles, 5,220 yds. gravel @ 10¢	522.00
Town of Chelsea, use of grader and bulldozer	281.25
	$ 10,378.99

State Aid Highway (Construction)

E. Randolph Road

Receipts

State Treasurer (Construction)	$ 4,886.98
Town's share	2,000.00
Chelsea Health Center	471.07
Brookhaven Home for Boys	408.87
Guy Ladd	16.64
Total	$ 7,783.56
Orders drawn	7,588.22
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 195.34

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$ 1,355.67
Maurice McCullough, labor	182.10
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor	228.96
O. E. Burgess, labor	243.45
A. C. Coburn, labor	248.13
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	222.96
Kenneth Maynard, labor	149.93
Archie Dupras, labor	37.18

Ernest Royce, labor	4.90
John Hayward, labor, man and truck	389.89
Mike Kennedy, man and truck	294.00
George Hayward, man and truck	266.90
Warren Whitney, man and truck	144.00
Arthur Beede, man and truck	197.20
Gile Kendall, man and truck	140.00
Paul Russell, man and truck	140.00
Don Orr, man and truck	136.00
George Dacier, man and tractor	97.75
Town of Chelsea, use of grader and bulldozer	231.50
E. H. Colby, 47 bags cement @ $1.35	63.45
W. I. Brooks, 724 yds. gravel @ 10¢	72.40
George Dacier, 385 ft. form lumber @ $60.00	20.10
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch at Brookhaven	41.93
Frank Bailey, 50 cedar posts @ 20¢	10.00
W. S. Gilman, man and chain saw @ $2.50	80.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	774.90
L. B. Bowen, 3 rolls barb wire	26.85
Guy Moxley, 1,160 yds. gravel @ 10¢	116.00
Reynolds & Son., rental compressor and jack hammer	31.07
James Avery, 667 yds. gravel @ 10¢	66.70
Colonial Sand & Gravel, washed sand and pea stone	249.67
Allied Chemical & Dye Co., 2,350 gal. Tarvia	566.04
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., 2.050 gal. asphalt	371.70
Dir. Int. Rev., Federal withholding tax	54.40
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax	6.03
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	71.87
Vt. State Treas., rental and use of equip.	254.59
	$ 7,588.22

State Aid (Gravel Resurfacing)

Receipts

State Treasurer	$ 348.50
Town's share	174.25
Total	$ 522.75
Orders drawn	558.29
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1955	$ 35.54

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and

shovel	$	161.84
Maurice McCullough, labor		17.64
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor		17.64
A. C. Coburn, labor		17.64
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor		8.82
John Hayward, man and truck		52.02
Allen Ogilvie, labor		17.64
Mike Kennedy, man and truck		61.20
L. E. Lamson, man and truck		36.00
Robert Smith, man and truck		36.00
Gile Kendall, man and truck		36.00
George Hayward, man and truck		30.60
Amos Giles, 510 yds. gravel @ 10¢		51.00
Town of Chelsea, use of grader		9.75
Vt. State Treasurer, Social Security		4.50
	$	558.29

Application of Calcium Chloride

Receipts

State Treasurer	$	200.00
Town's Share		200.00
Total	$	400.00
Orders drawn		99.03
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$	300.97

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck	$	57.89
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor		11.76
Maurice McCullough, labor		8.82
Kenneth Maynard, labor		8.82
George Hayward, man and truck		10.20
Vt. State Treasurer, Social Security		1.54
	$	99.03

State Aid — Seal Coat of Asphalt and Pea Stone

Corinth Road

Receipts

State Treasurer	$	421.38
Town's share		200.00
Total	$	621.38
Orders drawn		639.10
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1955	$	17.72

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck	$	86.64
Maurice McCullough, labor		4.41
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor		20.58
A. C. Coburn, labor		13.72
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor		14.70
John Hayward, man and truck		35.70
Vt. State Treas., labor, and rental of equip.		97.89
Vt. State Treas., Social Security		2.40
Colonial Sand & Gravel, washed sand and pea stone		138.45
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., 1,420 gal. retreatment		224.61
	$	639.10

Snow Roads

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1954	$	229.81
State Treasurer		1,806.50
Town of Washington		184.25
	$	2,220.56
Orders drawn		2,174.61
Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$	45.95

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$	802.96
Harold Hayward, labor		15.19
Winston Rogers, labor		13.72
George Hayward, labor with truck		127.50
O. E. Burgess, labor		15.19
Maurice McCullough, labor		312.62
Alton Felch, labor with tractor		11.50
Warren Hook, shoveling snow		12.00
Athol Coburn, shoveling snow		19.00
Orville Ladd, labor		4.41
John Hayward, labor with truck		37.40
A. C. Coburn, labor		209.76
International Salt Co., 100 lbs. salt		124.80
Mike Kennedy, labor with truck		180.40
Merle Colby, shoveling snow		20.00
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor		21.56
Charles McCullough, labor		41.16
Orlando Bramen, labor		32.34

Don Orr, truck with plow		90.00
Jack Kennedy, labor		74.10
Carl Downing, labor		3.50
Elwin Kendall, labor		3.00
Lawrence Allen, labor with tractor		2.50
	$	2,174.61

Selected Highway

Receipts

State Treasurer	$	3,543.19
Orders drawn		3,694.61
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1955	$	151.42

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, use of truck and shovel	$	512.35
Maurice McCullough, labor		117.58
Dwight McCullough, Jr., labor		94.00
O. E. Burgess, labor		149.94
A. C. Coburn, labor		243.75
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor		172.18
Raymond Moulton, labor		246.66
Kenneth Maynard, labor		22.73
Frank O'Brien, labor		26.46
Kenneth Walker, labor		7.86
George Hayward, labor, man and truck		324.24
Orville Ladd, labor, use of chain saw		38.07
John Hayward, labor, man and truck		249.47
Mike Kennedy, man and truck		57.80
L. E. Lamson, man and truck		36.00
Lawrence Brown, 2 rolls wire		17.90
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings		668.18
Harold Hayward, Jr., 200 posts @ 15¢		30.00
Vt. Explosives Co., dynamite and caps		198.56
Hill Martin, Corp., rental compressor and jack hammer		113.10
Joseph Goodrich, use of cement mixer	$	4.00
Amos Giles, 804 yds. gravel @ 10¢		80.40
Colonial Sand & Gravel Co., 3 yds. gravel @ 50¢		1.50
Flint Bros. Lumber Co., 10 bags cement @ $1.40		14.00
Town of Chelsea, use of grader and bulldozer		182.25
Dir. Int. Rev., Federal withholding tax		25.20
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax		2.90

Vt. State Treas., Social Security		57.55
		$ 3,694.61

OVERSEER'S REPORT

Total orders drawn			$ 5,019.41
Accounts repaid			
By State of Vt., Hans Nielson	$	783.20	
By Hans Nielson		79.80	
By Town of Hardwick, Evelyn Philbrook		126.70	
By State of Vt., N. Dukette		123.00	
By City of Barre, Raymond Plante		434.31	
By State of Vt., Joseph Chouinard		84.40	
By State of Vt., Alpha Goodell		87.75	
By State of Vt., W. Nichols		571.13	
By State of Vt., Lawrence Lund		236.86	
By State of Vt., Alfred Buick		11.60	
By Alfred George		100.00	
By B. C. Coburn		25.00	
By J. B. Hill Estate		16.71	
By Barre City Hospital, Mamye Fletcher		130.08	
			2,810.54
Net expense to Town			$ 2,208.87

Orders Drawn

Lawrence Lund	$ 236.86
Mahlon Young	232.41
Hans Nielson	863.00
William Nichols	571.13
Ella Hill	224.39
Alpha Goodell	87.75
Nelson Dukette	38.00
Ray Shepard	50.60
Evelyn Philbrook	83.70
Alfred Buick	126.05
Mayme Fletcher	451.25
Joseph Chouinard	84.50
Francis Robert Cahill family	236.90
Alfred George	215.17

Raymond Plant		455.63
Lamson Surgical Supply Co., Inc., hosp. bed		73.50
Dept. Social Welfare:		
Aid for Dependent Children, 1/8 actual cost		577.54
Child Care, 1/2 actual cost:		
Beede children	$ 538.64	
Credit, Clyde Beede	209.50	
Credit, Sarah Beede	10.00	
		319.14
Dupont children	$ 181.89	
Credit, Claude Dupont	90.00	
		91.89
		$ 5,019.41

Families drawing Aid for Dependent Children for the year 1954 were W. S. Paul, Pauline Cahill, Jean Clark, H. S. Dukette, G. S. Magoon.

We received a $5.00 payment from William Avery, too late to enter in 1954.

WALTER L. KENNEDY

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 20 persons or families	$ 710.03
Services for Board member	40.00
	$ 750.03

ROBERTS POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954:	
In checking account	$ 42.05
In savings account	88.87
Interest on savings account	7.17
Received from Old Colony Trust Co.	740.00
Refund from Chelsea Health Center	5.00
Total	$ 883.09

Disbursements

Paid orders drawn by Board	$ 773.03
Balance on hand, Jan., 1955—	
In checking account	49.02
In savings account	61.04
Total	$ 883.09

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

L. H. Sargent, Lot No. 225		$ 100.00
Ernest M. Young, Lot No. 246		100.00
Mrs. Marion Atwood, Lots No. 180, 181, 182		200.00
Mrs. Nettie Wright, Lot No. 138		100.00
Mrs. Minnie B. Goodwin, Lot No. 292		100.00
Fred B. Sanborn, Lot No. 164		100.00
Sceva Spear, Lot No. 53		100.00
		$ 800.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

Manley Carpenter, labor		$ 1.35
Orlando Braman, labor		406.85
John Osmer, labor		21.50
Kenneth Maynard, labor		9.50
Arthur Morey, labor		13.50
Byron Downing, Jr., labor		9.00
Lee Tucker, labor		6.50
Ernest Royce, labor		24.00
Donald Maynard, labor		7.00
Roy Kennedy, labor		186.00
Robert Sanborn, labor		8.50
John Hayward, hauling leaves		7.50
Wayne Spear, hauling leaves		15.50
Fred B. Sanborn, labor and cash paid out		344.75
M. L. Hayward, sharpening lawn mower		6.00
Demers Repair Shop, motor repairs		11.10
Chelsea Job Press, printing		5.25
Esther E. Smith, ser. as Treas.	$ 20.00	
Cash paid for postage	4.00	
		24.00
E. H. Colby, services as Supt.	$ 35.00	
Supplies per bill	27.56	
Power mower	75.00	
Cash paid, motor repairs	12.00	
		149.56
Total		$ 1,257.36

TREASURER'S CEMETERY REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$ 88.28
Received from Hilas Roberts Cemetery Fund	20.00
Town Appropriation	400.00

Received from City Institution of Savings, interest from Joel Ordway Fund	7.50
Received from individuals, care of lots	310.50
Received interest on U. S. Bonds	400.38
Received interest White River Sav. Acct.	27.87
Received from sale of lots,	
Leon Chaffee Estate, Lot No. 249	30.00
Carol O. Hill, Lot No. 177	30.00
Total	$ 1,314.53

Disbursements

Paid orders	1,294.83
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 19.70
Outstanding orders:	
Dec. 30, 1954	
No. 910—Chelsea Job Press	$ 5.25
No. 911—Esther E. Smith	20.00
No. 912—E. H. Colby	62.56
	$ 87.81

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS
By the Auditors

Total funds Jan. 1, 1954	$ 23,460.05
Funds added per report	800.00
Total funds Dec. 31, 1954	$ 24,260.05
These funds are invested as follows:	
U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G	$ 23,300.00
Savings Account, Orange Co. Br. Bank	660.05
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.	300.00
	$ 24,260.05

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLAND CEMETERY

During 1954 the disbursements exceeded the receipts by $31.11.

Much more mowing was necessary due to the wet season, and other needed work had to be deferred to keep within our funds.

We recommend for 1955 an appropriation of $400.

There is one other matter we wish to discuss in this report. This is particularly addressed to parents of children who frequent the cemetery. For years the gathering of chestnuts has been an annual occur-

ence. Never before has any great damage resulted. This year a great quantity of stones was thrown at the tree and scattered over a considerable area. This evidently led to the breaking of glass jars used for flowers. This damage was not confined to the vicinity of the chestnut tree, but extended all over the cemetery. No attempt was made to learn the names of those involved although a few parents were interviewed. We cannot continue to countenance this and other acts of vandalism. However, we feel it is first the duty of parents to teach their children that cemeteries are places to be respected and the children should not commit such acts either thoughtlessly or maliciously.

STANLEY C. WILSON,
EDWARD B. HATCH,
PERCY J. HEATH,
ESTHER E. SMITH,
E. HAROLD COLBY, Comm.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR CHELSEA WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in bank, Jan. 1, 1954	$	63.89
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1954		5.01
Received interest U. S. Bond		45.00
Received Vernon Hook, Lot No. 57		10.00
Received interest:		
Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co.		2.92
O. C. Branch Bank		.99
	$	127.81
Paid Kenneth LaFrancis, care of lots	$	45.00
Paid Eastern State for creosote		5.00
Balance in O. C. Branch Bank		77.81
	$	127.81

HARRY L. HAYWARD,
For Trustees

TRUST FUNDS

Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co.	$	200.00
U. S. Bonds		1,800.00
	$	2,000.00

HARRY L. HAYWARD, For Trustees

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance in savings account Jan. 1, 1954	$	37.08
Received interest on savings account		.60
Received interest on U. S. Bond		12.50
	$	50.18
Disbursements for care of Roberts lot		20.00
Balance in Savings Acct., Jan. 1, 1955	$	30.18

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund—$800.00

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$	11.58
Interest on U. S. Bond		20.26
	$	31.84
Paid for labor		6.50
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$	25.34

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR THE CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	$	16.90
Interest on U. S. Bond		12.50
Interest on savings account		.39
No bills paid—Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$	29.79

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

During 1954 the fire department was called to seven chimney fires within the fire district and four chimney fires within the town but outside the fire district. No fire loss resulted from any of these.

I would like to elaborate on the last part of my 1953 report, "with forethought, planning and preparation, protection can be increased."

The ideal water supply or pumping site should be

where the fire truck can drive to it in all weather and seasons and be reached with not over thirty feet of suction hose and not over a vertical distance of twenty feet. This is about the limit of sucking water, but it can be forced much farther.

The fire truck carries over one thousand feet of hose at all times, so any water supply within this distance from the property to be protected, is satisfactory.

Anyone planning to build a pond should consider these specifications.

The more advance information we have about your buildings and water supply, the better prepared we are to go into action if fire strikes. Any member of the fire department will gladly consult with you on this subject.

E. H. COLBY,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF TRUTEES OF CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

One of our trustees, Mrs. Martha Ordway, passed away suddenly December 14, 1954. For many years Mrs. Ordway has shown an active interest in our library. She has served on our board of trustees since 1948 and as our secretary and treasurer since 1949. We and her many friends will miss her, and we wish to express publicly our sincere appreciation for the untiring interest and hours of careful work that she has given to the library and our community. Miss Doris L. Hill has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

This past year we have rewired the library and installed adequate lighting. We have also redecorated the library and provided a more suitable working desk for our librarian, purchased a vacuum cleaner and several non-fiction and children's books from the contributions of Hon. E. Ray Speare of Newton, Mass.

We are very proud of our present library and hope that townspeople will use it to its fullest advantage.

O. FAY ALLEN, JR.,
ESTHER E. SMITH,
RACHEL COMSTOCK,
DORIS L. HILL,
Trustees

REPORT OF CHELSEA AND ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The circulation for the past year was 7,735, a decrease of 710 from the previous year. Five circulation days were lost in February while the painting and cleaning were being done.

195 books have been accessioned. 139 Adult and 56 Juvenile. 111 books were purchased and 84 were gifts.

"Runyon, In For Life" was given in memory of George Bacon by Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander.

The Woman's Club added 12 Adult books. Through the interest of Dr. E. Ray Speare; Barnes and Nobel, Inc. contributed a large collection of used books. Some of these replace worn copies already in the library, some were added to our stacks and the others have been passed on where they could be used. Also from Dr. Speare we received a gift of money and 20 Adult non-fiction books were purchased to replace "outdated" material and 19 Juveniles were added. An 8 volume set "Living Together in the Modern World" was bought for the children. Several of our summer guests to show their appreciation of our fine library have presented books and magazines. From the Free Public Library Commission we borrowed 315 Adult and 297 Juvenile books during the year.

The librarian visited grades 1-6 in the Village school during Book Week. Also our new books were on display. She attended Library Institute June 14th to 17th. A scholarship helped to defray part of this expense and the library was represented at the Vt. State Library meeting by one trustee and librarian.

The High School sent 11 students for practice work last spring.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS, Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1954	$	20.56
Town Appropriation		500.00
Income from Roberts Fund		290.00
Income from Braley Fund		5.00
Income from Stow Fund		48.00
Sale of lamp		6.00

Fines, lost and discarded books		14.39
Total Receipts	$	883.95
Expenditures		
Librarian and Assistants	$	301.25
Books		100.70
Periodicals		92.89
Library supplies		58.82
Box rent and postage		7.91
Janitor Service and Cleaning		115.46
Fuel and Servicing Oil Burner		176.79
Insurance on Contents of Library		27.90
Membership to Vermont Library Assoc.		1.00
Total Expenditures	$	882.72
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954		1.23
	$	883.95

Respectfully submitted,
O. FAY ALLEN, JR., Chairman
and Acting Treasurer

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

175 dogs were licensed, including a kennel license for 13 dogs, and after fees were deducted, $394.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right		
David Novick	$	15.80
Cecil Thompson		10.00
Jesse Baldwin		6.02
Total	$	31.82
Rents Due and Unpaid Dec. 31, 1954		
Madeline Blakeney	$	7.44
David Blakeney		27.00
Total	$	34.44
Division of Parsonage Right Rentals		
United Church	$	39.00
West Hill Church		19.50
Total	$	58.50

Received for School Right Rentals

E. H. Colby	$	1.50
I. S. Rushworth		11.00
Florence Burgess		1.50
Richard Kennedy		3.00
Percy Heath		9.50
Flint Bros. Lumber Co.		6.25
Total	$	32.75

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Principal of Fund — $200.00

U. S. Gov't. Bond No. C 3099260 G and C 3099259 G, Interest $5.00 — paid General Town Account toward care of commons.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1954			$	.66
Town Appropriation				100.00
			$	100.66
Paid Out—				
Music	$	20.00		
Flags, parcel post, ins.		29.24		
Old Soldiers markers		50.00		
Parcel post, ins. on above		2.34		
Speaker		5.00		
				106.58
Overdraft			$	5.92

ROBERT AINSWORTH, Chairman

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our nineteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Chelsea on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1954.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained stable for four years but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in payments authorized by the Legislature and increases in cost of services, including rent. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal and State Gov-

ernments. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were the lowest in the North Atlantic States and among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	$ 18,385.00
Aid to the Blind	1,281.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	4,620.00
Aid to the Disabled	435.00
Committed Children**	1,511.00
Total	$ 26,232.08

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

* One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

** One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a report of your Public Health Nurse for the year 1954:

The Infant and Pre-School Conference, at which any infant and young child may receive a physical examination and the recommended immunization, was sponsored by the Mother's Club. Dr. Brewster Martin and Luke Howe of the Chelsea Health Center were the examining physicians. Physical examinations were given to 70 children; and the immunization given was 18 smallpox vaccinations, 18 diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis series completed, 24 diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis booster doses, 2 completed diphtheria-tetanus series and one booster diphtheria-tetanus dose.

The School Health Conference offers a physical examination for all children in grades one and three, plus new and special students. Immunization is offered to the first four grades. The Conference in Chelsea was sponsored by the School Board with volunteer assistance given by the Mother's Club. Dr. Brewster Martin and Dr. Luke Howe were the examining physicians. Physical examinations were given to 42 children, and the immunization given was 11 smallpox vaccinations, 4 completed diphtheria-tetanus series and 20 booster doses given.

The Chelsea Health Center provides an ideal set-

up for conducting health conferences as medical facilities are readily available for the doctor's use, thus enabling him to give a more complete examination of the child.

Under the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools vision and hearing screening tests are conducted in the schools. Rechecks and follow-up of defects are completed by your public Health Nurse.

Home visits have been made in the community for the purpose of health instruction, demonstration of nursing procedures, and to discuss plans with families and individuals for corrective health measures. Total visits in the community were 179; total number of individuals visited were 136 of which 80 came under Maternal and Child Health services, 42 on communicable disease and 14 other visits. On behalf of the generalized public health program 43 visits were made in the community.

Your Public Health Nurse works in close cooperation with each family physician. In a program like ours in which a nurse covers many towns the success of an adequate health program depends upon the interest and cooperation of the local people and community organizations. Many in Chelsea have been of assistance and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge what they have done to promote good health in the community.

Mrs. Doris C. Thorington will be your Public Health Nurse in 1955 and a card addressed to her at Public Health Nursing Division, State Office Building, Montpelier, Vermont will reach her.

Very truly yours,

MISS DORIS M. FISH, R. N.,
Acting-Supervisor,
Public Health Nursing

TAX COLLECTORS BALANCE SHEET

Chelsea, Vt. — Jan. 1, 1955

Year Assessed		Uncollected Jan. 1, '54	Collected	Abated	Uncollected Jan. 1, '55
1951	Polls	$ 14.00	$ 9.00	$	$ 5.00
1952	Polls	42.00			42.00
1952	Prop.	929.01	628.26		300.75
1953	Polls	447.55	337.84		109.71
1953	Prop	3,766.37	1,865.12	4.56	1,896.69
1954	Polls	4,600.40	4,197.30	10.60	392.50
1954	Prop.	45,546.79	41,488.97		4,057.82
		$55,346.12	48,526.49	15.16	6,804.47

Taxes Abated		Assessed Against	Reason for Abatements
1953 Prop.	$ 2.28	Union Carbide Co.	Assessed in dup.
1953 Prop.	2.28	Rock Appl. Corp.	Assessed in dup.
1954 Poll	10.60	Goldie Magoon	Assessed in error
	$15.16		

Cheerfully submitted,
W. S. GILMAN,
Collector of Taxes, Chelsea, Vt.

DELINQUENT TAXES

January 1, 1955

Ackerman, Gertrude		
1954 Property		$ 1.90
Austin, Ernest and Irene		
1954 Property	$ 121.60	
1953 Property	148.01	
1954 Poll	10.60	
1953 Poll	10.61	
		290.82
Austin, Lewis and Thelma		
1954 Property	$ 2.60	
1954 Polls	13.90	
		16.50
*Baldwin, Jesse		
1954 Property		45.60
Bellefeuille, John and Shirley		
1954 Property		117.82
Blakeney, David and Madeline		
1954 Property	$ 15.24	
1953 Property	12.75	
		27.99

Blanchard, Arthur O.		
1953 Property		76.10
Blanchard, Arthur W.		
1954 Poll		10.60
Boyd, Annie		
1954 Property	$ *66.57	
1953 Property	76.94	
1952 Property	77.25	
		220.76
*Braman, Walter E.		
1954 Property		6.08
Braman, Orlando		
1954 Poll		7.60
Brock, Wilfred		
1954 Property		21.75
Brown, Harley and Dorothy		
1954 Polls		21.20
Buick, Alfred and Barbara		
1954 Polls		21.20
Cahill, Robert and Pauline		
1954 Polls	$ 21.20	
1953 Poll	10.61	
		31.81
Carpenter, Alan and Elaine		
1954 Property		72.22
Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M.		
1954 Property		45.60
Chelsea Lumber Co.		
1954 Property	$ 129.20	
1953 Property	136.98	
		266.18
Chelsea Ind. Inc.		
1954 Property		45.60
Coburn, Ralph and Anna		
1954 Property		195.71
Collins, Henry and Hilda		
1954 Polls		21.20
Croft, Linda		
1954 Property	$ 275.89	
1953 Property	95.13	
		371.02
Crouse, Allen and Catherine		
1954 Property	$ 89.37	
1953 Property	30.20	
		119.57

Dacier, Geo. A. Jr.			
1954 Property			267.90
Doyle, Leo and Betty			
1953 Property	$	96.65	
1954 Polls		*21.20	
			117.85
Downing, Byron			
1952 Polls	$	10.50	
1953 Polls		10.61	
			21.11
Downing, Edgar and Lillian			
1951 Polls	$	5.00	
1952 Polls		21.00	
1953 Polls		21.22	
			47.22
Gardner, John and Ruth			
1954 Property	$	15.20	
1953 Property		15.22	
1954 Polls		21.20	
			51.62
Gates, Henry			
1954 Property			279.31
Goodrich, Joseph and Mae			
1954 Property	$	104.13	
1954 Polls		21.20	
			125.33
Hartwell, Clifford			
1954 Property			51.31
Hill, Lloyd and Alice			
1954 Property	$	11.42	
1953 Property		11.42	
1954 Polls		21.20	
			44.04
Hill, Harold			
1952 Poll	$	10.50	
1953 Poll		10.61	
			21.11
Holmes, Hazel			
1954 Property	$	114.00	
1953 Property		114.15	
1952 Property		99.50	
1953 Poll		10.61	
			338.26
Hook, Stanley			
1954 Poll			10.60

Hook, Warren and Grace		
1954 Property	$ 89.31	
1953 Property	116.81	
1952 Property	57.00	
1954 Polls	21.20	
		284.32
Hook, Edgar, Est.		
1953 Property		98.17
Hook, Caroline		
1954 Property	$ 138.70	
1953 Property	55.17	
		193.87
Jewell, Florence		
1954 Poll		10.60
Johnson, Thomas B.		
1954 Property		77.90
Ladd, Orville		
1954 Poll	10.60	
1953 Poll	5.61	
		16.21
Littlefield, Earl		
1954 Property		30.40
Luce, Ernest		
1953 Property		55.17
Luce, Ernest and Harold		
1953 Property		30.44
Lyford, Herbert and Gertrude		
1954 Property	$ 169.49	
1953 Property	188.72	
		358.21
*Magoon, Russell		
1954 Property		45.60
Mathers, Geo. and Cecelia		
1954 Property		90.00
McKay, Adam		
1954 Property		323.02
Moulton, Raymond and Electa		
1954 Property		124.27
Moxley, Guy and Lena		
1954 Property	$ 45.60	
1953 Property	45.66	
		91.26
O'Donnell, Harry and Marion		
1954 Property	$ 116.67	
1953 Property	138.50	

1952 Property		67.00	
1954 Polls		21.20	
			343.37
O'Donnell, Kenneth			
1954 Property	$	81.71	
1953 Property		95.14	
1954 Poll		10.60	
			187.45
Parker, Chas. E.			
1954 Poll			10.60
Paul, Edward and Winnie			
1954 Property	$	45.60	
1954 Polls		21.20	
			66.80
Peake, Mabel			
1954 Property	$	39.90	
1953 Property		39.95	
			79.85
Plante, Raymond			
1954 Poll			10.60
Pratt, Elmer and Olive			
1954 Property	$	121.60	
1953 Property		34.76	
			156.36
Rathburn, Mary J., heirs			
1954 Property	$	15.20	
1953 Property		7.72	
			22.92
Renfrew, Josie			
1954 Property	$	82.08	
1953 Property		55.00	
1954 Poll		10.60	
			147.68
Sanborn, Betty Lou			
1954 Property			2.29
Sanborn, Beatrice			
1954 Polls	$	10.60	
1953 Polls		8.61	
			19.21
Stevens, Eldred and Vivian			
1954 Property	$	145.38	
1953 Property		121.93	
			267.31
Shirlock, Edward			
1954 Poll			10.60

Shirlock, Geo. and Marion	
1954 Polls	21.20
Thomas, Leonard	
1954 Property	17.10
Winters, Paul and Jennie	
1953 Polls	21.22
Whitehurst, Julius and Evelyn	
1954 Property	39.52
*Verge, Isadore and Monica	
1954 Property	120.46
	$ 6,804.47

* Paid before January 15, 1955—$305.51

Annual Report

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Town School District

Chelsea, Vermont

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For School Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Receipts

Receipts as per Treasurer's Book	$ 54,099.59
Bank balance July 1, 1953	1,503.14
Total Receipts	$ 55,602.73
Orders drawn	56,893.13
Balance — Overdraft	$ 1,290.40

Reconciliation of Balance

Balance as above — Overdraft	$ 1,290.40
Outstanding orders	1,715.18
Bank balance June 30, 1954	$ 424.78

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

Year as of June 30:	
1950 net debt	$ 11,158.79
1951 net debt	11,147.74
1952 net debt	11,074.81
1953 net debt	11,496.86
1954 net debt	12,290.40

Summary of Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	$ 21,275.05
State Teachers' Retirement	1,899.33
Director of Internal Revenue	2,992.60
Vermont Tax Department	357.24
Superintendent	1,260.30
School Directors	326.87
Janitors	2,715.00
Transportation	4,825.37
Fuel	3,246.24
Repairs	522.93
Supplies	1,605.82
Books	760.03
Lights	575.98
Telephone	114.93
Insurance	534.69
Money repaid and interest	13,195.00
Labor	175.59
Miscellaneous	510.10
	$ 56,893.13

ITEMIZED EXPENSES
July 1, 1953 - June 30, 1954
Village School

Teachers:			
David W. Shipp	($3,700.00)		$ 2,652.80
Mrs. Frances Ladd	(2,600.00)		2,518.80
Arthur H. Scott	(2,800.00)		2,154.72
William G. Stevens	(3,500.00)		2,525.00
Elmer C. Roberts	(2,300.00)		1,983.68
Mrs. Etta B. Giles	(2,150.00)		1,638.00
Mrs. Marietta C. Churchill	(2,250.00)		1,698.28
Mrs. Ruth Hartwell	(2,450.00)		1,868.85
Forrest Perkins			377.32
			$ 17,417.45
Substitute Teaching			133.00
Music Teachers:			
Mrs. Arline Titus		$ 407.00	
Mrs. Jean Fitts		274.00	
			681.00
Janitors:			
Clyde Lyon		$ 2,280.00	
Fred Sanborn (Gym)		400.00	
			2,680.00
Transportation:			
Angier Edwards		$ 1,445.00	
Jessie Lemery		765.00	
Vernon Hook		425.00	
Glen Button		84.40	
Robert Ainsworth		56.10	
Goldie Magoon		39.00	
Gordon Philbrick		53.14	
Leo Doyle		78.50	
Earl Russell		34.73	
Cecil Thompson		59.50	
			3,040.37
Fuel:			
High school building, coal $1,655.93, wood $30.00, gas $87.00		$ 1,772.93	
Agri. Bldg. (nut coal)		443.55	
Gymnasium (oil)		763.46	
			2,979.94
Electricity			474.25

Telephone		114.93
Total for village school		$ 27,520.94

Meadow Brook School (No. 1)

Teacher:		
Mrs. Bessie Stender	($2,000.00)	$ 1,521.80
Transportation:		
Vernon Hook	$ 1,020.00	
Mrs. Jessie Lemery	765.00	
		1,785.00
Fuel (oil)		197.30
Electricity		38.34
		$ 3,542.44

West Hill School (No. 9)

Teacher:		
Mrs. Alice Allen	($2,100.00)	$ 1,521.80
Fuel (wood)		69.00
Janitor, M. LaFrancis		35.00
Electricity		63.39
Total No. 9		$ 1,689.19

All Schools

(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$ 326.87
Superintendent, A. C. Parker	1,260.36
State Teachers' Retirement	1,899.33
Director of Internal Revenue	2,992.60
Vermont State Tax Department	357.24
Repairs	522.93
Supplies	1,605.82
Books	760.03
Insurance	534.69
Money repaid and interest	13,195.00
Labor	175.59
Miscellaneous	510.10
Total	$ 24,140.56

Summary

Village School	$ 27,520.94
No. 1	3,542.44
No. 9	1,689.19
All Schools	24,140.56
Total	$ 56,893.13

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
For School Year July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1953	$ 2,763.81
Town tax	24,155.89
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,249.58
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	1,317.67
Lease land rentals	26.00
Old Colony Trust Company	1,590.00
Rent of gymnasium	14.00
Tuition	466.67
Refunds:	
Pipe stock and dies	31.86
Interest	5.83
Insurance	99.04
Telephone	28.05
Music	19.00
Sales:	
Lumber	6.00
2 doors	16.00
2 gallon Sealcoat	10.00
Paper	62.00
Money borrowed	11,000.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Total Receipts	$ 56,863.40

Disbursements

Current orders paid	56,438.62
Balance on hand July 1, 1954	$ 424.78

Outstanding Orders June 30, 1954

No. 158	Max Barrows	$ 20.00
No. 168	W. M. Welch	34.30
No. 170	Interstate Printers	15.25
No. 175	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	11.85
No. 176	C. V. P. S.	36.85
No. 177	Fred Dickinson	7.26
No. 178	F. Ray Keyser	33.60
No. 179	Washington Electric Co-op.	101.73
No. 180	Donald Ladd	2.25
No. 181	A. C. Parker	105.03
No. 182	William Stevens	124.03
No. 183	Clyde Lyon	95.00
No. 184	William Stevens	168.12
No. 185	Jean Fitts	7.00

No. 186	Director of Internal Revenue	285.00
No. 187	State Teachers' Retirement	561.41
No. 188	Vermont Tax Department	106.50
Total		$ 1,715.18

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1954	$ 424.78
Town School Tax	20,697.33
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,842.94
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	818.15
State Treas. Reimbursement for Agri. bldg.	1,592.22
Money borrowed	3,000.00
County Treasurer, lease land rent	195.55
Rental of typewriter	11.00
Refund for interest debited in error	337.20
University of Vermont	5.00
Sale of desks	10.00
David Shipp, refund for substitute pay	30.00
Refunds from A. C. Button and William Stevens	69.25
Total	$ 43,033.42

Disbursements

Total orders paid	33,921.67
Balance on hand December 31, 1954	$ 11,872.20

Outstanding Orders December 31, 1954

No. 369	Ruth Conley	$ 25.00
No. 389	B. Coburn	87.46
No. 405	American Book Company	10.32
No. 423	Jean Fitts	14.00
No. 430	Frances Ladd	252.20
No. 443	A. Titus	14.00
No. 444	J. Fitts	68.00
No. 448	Gregg Awards	.40
No. 450	MacMillan Company	4.16
No. 451	Silver Burdett	2.82
No. 453	Tide Oil	33.76
No. 454	C. V. P. S.	58.45
No. 458	Director of Internal Revenue	286.60
No. 459	Vermont Tax Department	106.52
No. 460	J. K. Miller	244.95

No. 461	State Teacher's Retirement	754.94
		$ 1,963.58

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT
July 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Teachers' salaries	$ 9,197.40
State Teacher's Retirement System	754.94
Director of Internal Revenue	1,207.20
Commissioner of Taxes (State tax)	150.88
Janitors	1,395.00
Superintendent	664.50
School Directors	24.75
Transportation	2,346.69
Fuel	868.72
Repairs	203.41
Supplies	1,183.88
Text books	515.68
Electricity	180.30
Telephone	62.20
Insurance	291.18
Borrowed money repaid and interest	14,085.00
Labor	388.13
Miscellaneous	313.36
Total	$ 33,833.22

To the Voters:

The School Directors are trying to raise the standard of education in the Chelsea schools at as reasonable expense to the taxpayers as possible.

Transportation is one of our largest expenses amounting to approximately $.90 of the money requested.

We would appreciate suggestions on how to lower the cost of operating the schools in Chelsea, without lowering the educational standards.

A tax of $4.15 will be needed to meet the estimated expense of the next school year.

I. S. RUSHWORTH,
MARION W. BUTTON,
JAMES E. WILKINSON, JR.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ENSUING YEAR

Teachers' salaries	$ 27,000.00
Janitors	2,900.00
School Directors	300.00

Superintendent	1,400.00
Music	725.00
Transportation	5,725.00
Fuel	3,000.00
Repairs	750.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Books	700.00
Electricity	600.00
Telephone	125.00
Insurance	535.00
Labor	150.00
Interest	150.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	$ 45,860.00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

State Treasurer, School Aid	$ 15,000.00
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	800.00
Tuition	1,350.00
Roberts Fund	1,225.00
Lease land rent	30.00
Sale of paper to pupils	45.00
Town tax of $4.15	27,805.00
Total	$ 46,255.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1954, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and the four-teacher village elementary school were each in session for 170 days, and the high school was in session for 175 days. The net enrollment in the elementary schools was 171, of which 170 pupils were residents of the district. The average daily attendance of resident elementary pupils was 160.20. Sixty-five pupils were enrolled in the high school, of whom 62 were residents of the district. The average daily attendance of resident high school pupils was 57.93. The average cost per pupil in average daily attendance was, for elementary school $163.19, and for high school $287.05. Forty-three elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of $112.22.

The total number of different elementary school pupils enrolled was 171. One hundred fifty- five were promoted. Seven were promoted conditionally, four were not promoted, two transferred to other schools, and three dropped out of school. There were 65 different high school pupils enrolled. Sixty were promoted, one was not promoted, and four dropped out of school. The percentage of attendance in all schools for the year was 96.18.

The needed text books, materials of instruction and equipment were provided and necessary repairs were made. The classroom floors of the village elementary school were resurfaced and refinished, and the lunch-room kitchen was painted. The classroom of the Meadow Brook school was redecorated. There is need for a new metal ceiling in the main study room of the high school and in the lunch room and kitchen of the village school. In order to provide an adequate supply of water for the gymnasium, this building should be connected with the supply at the school building.

Hot lunches are being served again in all of the schools, at the two rural schools during the winter months and at the village school throughout the school year. This latter program instituted and carried on by the Chelsea Woman's Club was the first in the State to be operated for the entire school year and has been in continuous operation from the start. It serves all of the pupils of the high and graded schools.

The high school offers an exceptional variety of opportunities when compared with other schools of similar size. The staff of four teachers is providing, in addition to the customary college preparatory and general courses, a four-year commercial course, a four-year vocational agriculture course, and a physical education program, the latter offering one period of instruction each week to every high school student.

As in the past years, the splendid program of music instruction is being carried on in the village school.

I am grateful to the school directors, parents, teachers, community organizations, and townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER,

Superintendent of Schools

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT REPORT

Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

Repaid money borrowed	$ 5,719.25
Interest paid	760.20
Total orders drawn	$ 6,479.45

I. S. RUSHWORTH

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1954

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1954	$ 596.95
Town tax	1,606.70
State Treasurer, Building Reimbursement	5,617.49
Total	$ 7,821.14

Disbursements

Paid 1954 orders	6,479.45
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1954	$ 1,341.69

Outstanding Order

Dec. 7, 1954 No. 543 O. C. Branch Bank		
Interest	$ 330.00	
Note payment	480.75	
		$ 810.75

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

Gymnasium Account Financial Statement

January 1, 1955

Assets

Cash on hand	$ 1,341.69

Liabilities

Notes Payable	22,480.75
Excess Liabilities over Assets	$ 21,139.06

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Births

1954

Omitted in 1953 Town Report — not received in time

Oct. 19—Lyford, Christine, daughter to Charles Lewis and Cintra (Darling).

Oct. 30—Archer, Sally Faye, daughter to Richard Frederick and Beth Marie (Taylor).

1954

Jan. 23—McCullough, Bruce Alan, son to Alan Harry and Jean Marilyn (Sprague).

Jan. 27—Martin, David Bruce, son to Brewster Davis and Clara Marie (Lisse).

Feb. 28—Carpenter, Geraldine Faye, daughter to Alan Moulton and Elaine Annis (Woodworth).

Mar. 4—Carter, Nedrick Timothy, son to Ned Maurice and Verna Aurora (Thurston).

Apr. 3—Allen, Richard Laurence, son to Laurence Obed and Agnes Mary (Welch).

Apr. 30—Taylor, Maurice Waldo, son to Fred Waldo and Antoinette Goldie (Verge).

May 4—Colby, Vicki Louise, daughter to Merle Gordon and Elizabeth Ann (McCullough).

May 28—Cahill, Jerry Allen, son to Francis Robert and Pauline Inez (Morey).

June 10—Ogilvie, Nancy Ellen, daughter to James Allen and Joan Evans (Monroe).

June 23—Rogers, Susan Jane, daughter to Raymond Richard and Geraldine (Mooney).

June 25—Anderson, Jane Grace, daughter to Edwin Charles and Norma Sarah (Rogers).

Aug. 4—Doyle, James Theo, son to Merlin Thomas and Alice Mary (Taplin).

Sept. 17—Holmes, Lawrence Allen, son to Lester Myron and Kathryn Mae (Cilley).

Sept. 25—Farr, Pamela Rae, daughter to Gordon Volney and Helen Blanche (Drew).

Marriages

Apr. 11—Hayward, Harold Frederick, Jr. of Chelsea and Helen Blanche Scott of Chelsea.

Apr. 14—Seaver, Donald B. of Williamstown and Bernice Chambers of Chelsea.

June 26—Pratt, Richard Earl and Elaine May Dukette, both of Chelsea.

July 2—Blanchard, Arthur Warren and Phyllis Rita Coburn, both of Chelsea.

July 31—Hatch, Willard Frederick and Doreen Nora Morey, both of Chelsea.

Sept. 10—Parker, Charles Ellis and Linda Nellie Croft, both of Chelsea.

Oct. 24—Fifield, Irving William and Eleanor Ardis Eastman, both of Chelsea.

Oct. 30—Tucker, Harold William and Dorothy Lucille Holmes, both of Chelsea.

Nov. 20—Tucker, Arlin Richard of Chelsea and Anna Amelia Preston of South Royalton.

Dec. 3—Button, Robert Henry of Chelsea and Flora Jane McPherson of Williamstown.

Deaths

Jan. 6—Davidson, Darwin Bruce, age 68 yrs. (in Hanover, N. H.).

Jan. 18—Dickerman, Lena May, age 67 yrs. (in Tunbridge).

Jan. 20—Chaffee, Leon W., age 61 yrs. (in Leicester, Mass.).

Jan. 22—Hill, Ella, age 69 yrs. (in Barre).

Feb. 24—Goodell, Alpha Mark, age 75 yrs.

Mar. 15—Hook, Katherine Maude, after 13 yrs.

Mar. 30—Hill, Joshua Burton, age 77 yrs.

May 3—Larkin, Edwin Loyal, age 86 yrs.

June 14—Hodgdon, Jean M., age 62 yrs.

June 28—Dickinson, William Allen, age 73 yrs.

Aug. 13—Goss, William C., age 42 yrs. (in Nahant, Mass.).

Oct. 8—Young, Mahlon Henry, age 82 yrs.

Oct. 24—Button, Frank, age 79 yrs. (in Barre).

Oct. 31—Young, Ernest Milton, age 79 yrs.

Nov. 9—Burgess, Oliver Elisha, age 69 yrs.

Nov. 17—Hill, Norman, age 66 yrs. (in Barre).

Dec. 21—Coddington, Lyda Alma, age 58 yrs. (in Barre).

Dec. 28—Hill, James Mackay, age 83 yrs.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $200 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine blister rust.

18. To see if the town will vote to sell No. 5 schoolhouse, and if so voted, to elect an agent to convey same.

19. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1955.

20. To see if the town will vote to continue the Revolving Medical Fund.

21. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

22. To transact any other proper business.

ANGIER EDWARDS,
LYMAN J. FITTS,
MERLE G. COLBY,
Selectmen.

Chelsea, Vt., Feb. 14, 1955.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District o Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Towr Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1955, a 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several towr officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoin a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district wil raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district wil raise to retire the debt on the school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will raise for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation o town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money fo the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suitable marking of War Veterans' graves for Memoria Day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money t be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. 47 as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1955, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed:

DAVID C. GILMAN,
F. RAY KEYSER, JR.,
VERNON N. HOOK,

Auditors

TOWN OFFICERS 1955 - 1956

Moderator		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk		Esther E. Smith
Treasurer		Esther E. Smith
Selectmen	L. J. Fitts	Term expires 1956
	Merle Colby	Term expires 1957
	George Edwards	Term expires 1958
Overseer of Poor		Walter L. Kennedy
Road Commissioner		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes		W. S. Gilman
Listers	Everett F. Spear	Term expires 1956
	Berthold C. Coburn	Term expires 1957
	Glenn Button	Term expires 1958
School Directors	Mrs. Marion Button	Term expires 1956
	James B. Wilkinson, Jr.	Term expires 1957
	I. S. Rushworth	Term expires 1958
Auditors	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	Term expires 1956
	*Vernon Hook	Term expires 1957
	David C. Gilman	Term expires 1958
1st Constable		W. Horace Hull
Trustees of Public Money	Ralph H. Coburn	Term expires 1956
	Harry L. Hayward	Term expires 1957
	Will Rutz	Term expires 1958
Trustees of Public Library	O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Term expires 1956
	David Stender	Term expires 1957
	Doris Hill	Term expires 1958
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1959
	Rachel Comstock	Term expires 1960
Superintendent of Schools		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board		James Wilkinson, Jr.
Town Grand Jurors	Berthold C. Coburn, **F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	
Town Agent		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber		James Wilkinson, Jr.
Fence Viewers	George P. Bradshaw, Sabin T. Densmore, David C. Gilman	
Weigher of Coal		Henry Gates
Cemetery Comm.	Edward B. Hatch	Term expires 1956
	Percy J. Heath	Term expires 1957
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1958
	E. Harold Colby	Term expires 1959
	Stanley C. Wilson	Term expires 1960

* Appointed until election.

** Resigned.

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.
1955

Population 1,024 , 1950 census, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highway 85.949, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 5,985.99
Polls, 426	426.00
	$ 6,411.99

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1951	$6,707.29	$6.50
1952	6,683.38	7.50
1953	6,709.97	7.61
1954	6,426.79	7.60
1955	6,411.99	8.40

Total Tax Raised
(School and Old Age Included)

1951	$44,767.97
1952	51,475.74
1953	52,043.42
1954	50,147.19
1955	55,140.55

TOWN ACCOUNT
(Real and Personal Property not included)

Assets

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1956:		
General Town Account	$ 16,972.17	
General Highway	618.07	
		$ 17,590.24
Uncollected taxes		4,682.95
U. S. War Bonds		45.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm		1,149.66
Sale of Blake property to Ralph Coburn	$ 600.00	
Paid	397.76	
		202.24
Accounts Recievable:		
Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer		15.00
Neil Olson, dog damage to hens		26.25
Christie Grace, dog damage to hens		26.25
Highland Cemetery Comm., interest on bond		2.50

Chelsea Womans Club, gravel, labor, equipment	112.00
State Treasurer	
State Aid Construction (bridge)	9,578.96
State Aid Construction (roads)	6,528.39
Unselected Highways	10,134.00
	$ 50,193.44

Liabilities

On notes at bank, Selectmen	$ 56,000.00
Outstanding orders	4,491.24
	$ 60,491.24
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 10,297.80

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

1950	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 5,731.48
1951	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	21,306.42
1952	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	15,280.42
1953	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	12,221.86
1954	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	11,226.49
1955	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	10,297.80

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed per lister's appraisal)

Real Estate—		
Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00	
Garage	1,500.00	
Town Forest	50.00	
Town Hall	10,000.00	
Town Barn	50.00	
Black Hawk Property	500.00	
Goodwin Lot	500.00	
		$ 13,660.00
Welder	$ 565.00	
Dental Equipment	500.00	
Office Equipment	1,100.00	
Town Hall Equipment	500.00	
Tools	100.00	
Tractor and plow	2,000.00	
Barco drill and drills	10.00	
Grader, plows and equipment	13,500.00	
Sand spreader	300.00	
		18,575.00
Materials and Supplies—		
Wood at Town Hall	$ 80.00	
Oil, grease, fuel oil	125.00	

Bridge plank	175.00	
Clutch and pressure plates Austin-Weston grader	125.00	
Wood at Garage	25.00	
		530.00
Total		$ 32,765.00

Inventory of School Property

School Buildings—		
District No. 1	$ 1,000.00	
District No. 2	4,000.00	
District No. 9	1,000.00	
Gymnasium	24,000.00	
Agricultural building	7,775.00	
		$ 37,775.00
Equipment and furniture		500.00
Books and supplies		500.00
		$ 38,775.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955		$ 24,288.11
From W. S. Gilman, Collector		
On 1955 list	$ 51,706.16	
Delinquent taxes	5,555.91	
		57,262.07
From Brookhaven Home for Boys—payment in lieu of taxes		378.00
From State Treasurer		
State Aid, dust laying	$ 200.00	
Winter Maintenance	1,645.00	
State Aid, resurfacing	356.00	
		2,201.00
W. S. Gilman, Collector, overpayment of taxes		3.00
Money borrowed		45,000.00
Revolving Medical Fund		61.44
Dog licenses, minus fees		400.25
U. S. Treasury, interest on U. S. Bonds		2.50
Rent of Town Hall		102.50
Lease Land rent		103.95
Refunds to Overseer's Account		1,370.24
Use of grader, bulldozer and equip.		127.26
Sale of Town report		.25
2nd class license		37.50

Refunds (shell oil and interest)	30.98
Town of Washington, use of equip. and pipe	573.75
Sale of oil, paint, salt, etc.	93.45
Sale of No. 5 School	900.00
Sale of gravel	50.00
Ed Paul, payment on note	5.00
State Treas., reimbursement for committments	25.50
Old Colony Trust, upkeep of town hall	15.00
Old Colony Trust, electricity	60.00
Bookeeping Receipt Entries:	
State Aid 25, bridge, use of equipment	242.35
State Aid 439, 439A, use of equipment	477.90
Unselected Highway, use of equipment	406.85
State Aid 25, bridge, crushed gravel	639.90
State Aid 439, 439A, crushed gravel	2,148.80
Unselected Highway, crushed gravel	474.00
General Town Account, $1 highway tax	6,456.99
General Town Account, paid in error for highway	136.80
State Aid Construction, 1955 town share	1,000.00
State Aid Gravel Resurfacing, 1953 town share	174.25
1954 town share	174.25
1955 town share	178.00
State Aid Dust Laying, 1954 town share	200.00
1955 town share	200.00
State Aid Seal Coat and Hone, 1954 town share	200.00
Total Receipts	$146,201.84

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's Orders:	
General Account	$ 86,558.85
Snow Roads	2,266.21
Selected Highway	47.42
Unselected Highway	9,423.75
State Aid No. 439, No. 439A and No. 25 (Bridge)	16,529.91
State Aid No. 100 Corinth Road	.36
State Aid No. 273, Dust Laying	69.61
State Aid No. 141, No. 99, Resurfacing	565.85
Paid Road Commissioner's Orders (less bookeeping entries)	5,415.92
Paid Overseers Orders	5,449.45

Paid Revolving Medical Fund Orders	157.77
Bookeeping Disbursement Entries:	
General Town Account—	
1955 ½ town share S. A. Construction	500.00
1953 town share S. A. resurfacing	174.25
1954 town share S. A. resurfacing	174.25
1955 town share S. A. resurfacing	178.00
1954 town share S. A. dust laying	200.00
1955 town share S. A. dust laying	200.00
1954 town share S. A. seal coat and stone	200.00
General Highway ½ town share S. A. construction	500.00
Total Disbursements	$128,611.60
Bank balance January 1, 1956	17,590.24
	$146,201.84

Outstanding Orders

General Account—	
Mar. 5, 1954	
734—Will Rutz	$ 3.00
Dec. 15, 1955	
327—Archie Bailey	3.53
Dec. 19, 1955	
338—Charles McCullough	14.98
341—Lowell McLeod, Inc.	6.45
Dec. 29, 1955	
344—C. V. P. S.	47.45
345—N. E. T. & T. Co.	7.55
Dec. 30, 1955	
352—W. S. Gilman	85.11
353—Town of Chelsea	5.00
354—L. J. Fitts	105.42
355—Esther Smith	133.68
Dec. 31, 1955	
356—Ernest Royce	19.40
357—George Edwards	25.00
359—$1 Road Tax	6,156.99
	$ 6,613.56
General Highway—	
Dec. 31, 1955	
129—Dwight McCullough	$ 31.37
130—Charles McCullough	14.40

131—Alan McCullough		14.70
132—Maurice McCullough		15.70
133—Chelsea Job Press		1.82
134—State Treasurer		9.51
135—Internal Revenue		1.70
136—Vt. Tax Dept.		.02
137—Town Treasurer		500.00
	$	589.22
Snow Roads—		
Dec. 19, 1955		
388—Charles McCullough	$	15.92
Dec. 31, 1955		
396—Charles McCullough		138.57
397—Alan McCullough		41.11
398—Maurice McCullough		12.74
399—Dwight McCullough		34.92
	$	243.26
Unselected—		
Oct. 24, 1955		
378—Frank Bailey	$	22.00
Dec. 28, 1955		
398—Dir. Int. Rev.		29.00
399—Vt. State Treas.		4.98
400—Vt. State Treas.		38.80
401—Town Treas.		406.85
Dec. 31, 1955		
402 Town Treas.		474.00
403—Guy Moxley		7.00
	$	982.63
State Aid No. 25 (Bridge)—		
Dec. 27, 1955		
51—Dir. Int. Rev.	$	.70
52—Vt. State Treas.		.26
53—Vt. State Treas.		9.41
Dec. 28, 1955		
54—Town Treas.		242.35
Dec. 31, 1955		
55—Town Treas.		639.90
	$	892.62

State Aid No. 439 and 439A—	
Dec. 27, 1955	
689—Dir. Int. Rev.	$ 6.30
690—Vt. State Treas.	1.15
691—Vt. State Treas.	14.98
Dec. 28, 1955	
692—Town Treas.	477.90
Dec. 31, 1955	
693—Town Treas.	2,148.80
	$ 2,649.13
Overseers—	
Nov. 22, 1955	
2—Dept. Social Welfare	$ 134.38

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1955

After deducting the $900.00 received from the sale of the No. 5 School House, we have gained only $28.69 on our liabilities over assets. This is encouraging, considering about $8,500 worth of new equipment was paid for during the year. However, there were a few smaller items which did not occur, but must be considered in any plans for 1956.

As far as it is possible to predict, we are confident that a continuation of last years tax rates will be sufficient for current expenses and should permit some progress.

L. J. FITTS,
MERLE G. COLBY,
GEORGE A. EDWARDS

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$ 1,708.95
Town Hall	544.69
Miscellaneous	2,753.34
Crushed Gravel	3,233.61
Tractor and Bulldozer	939.29
Loan Paid and Interest	32,591.00
Taxes	1,688.08
Appropriations	1,700.00
Bridges	1,120.78
Street and Roads	8,417.88
Insurance	532.80
School and Gymnasium	28,410.76

Grader	9,502.92
Total	$ 93,144.10

Town Officers

Berthold C. Coburn, Lister	$ 162.68
Everett F. Spear, Lister	193.00
Alberta G. Dacier, Auditor	85.00
O. Fay Allen, Town Agent	35.00
George A. Edwards, Lister	24.00
David C. Gilman, Auditor	65.00
Angier Edwards, Selectman	71.00
Merle G. Colby, Selectman	161.00
Glen A. Button, Lister	61.00
Esther E. Smith, Town Clerk	46.54
Esther E. Smith, Town Treasurer	122.50
Ralph H. Coburn, Health Officer	25.00
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector	528.23
L. J. Fitts, Selectman	104.00
Geo. A. Edwards, Selectman	25.00
	$ 1,708.95

Town Hall

F. Ray and Ellen L. Keyser, water rent	$ 12.00
Fred B. Sanborn, labor	9.25
Ernest C. Royce, janitor	364.25
C. V. P. S. Corp., electricity	64.79
Allen Lumber Co., hinges for front door	14.00
Arthur Bearor, labor hanging door	2.50
H. F. Gates, kerosene	2.64
Kenneth McFarlane, hauling rubbish	3.75
Forrest Tucker, repairing roof	11.85
A. F. Sanborn & Son, glass for library window	11.92
Leon V. Stevens, setting glass	2.25
Warren S. Gilman, wood	9.00
Harold Hayward, Jr., raking and hauling leaves	8.90
Chelsea Job Press, supplies	8.93
Farm & Industrial Equipment Co., for Edw. Paul, wood	5.00
Fred Dickinson, supplies	8.66
Town of Chelsea, for Edw. Paul, wood	5.00
	$ 544.69

Miscellaneous

Wilson & Keyser, legal services	$ 384.50
Ernest Kennedy, United Church lease land rent	39.00
Geo. Bradshaw, West Hill Church lease land rent	19.50

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., phone in town clerk's office	104.15
Robbins & Robbins, supplies	14.44
Citie's Service Station, welding	1.50
A. H. Bailey, stamps	20.57
L. A. Howe, M. D., reporting communicable diseases	24.00
B. D. Martin, M. D., reporting communicable diseases	1.00
Donald Ladd, dance floor wax	2.77
Probate Court, fees on commitment of Leonard Bernard	9.50
Esther E. Smith, services and postage	11.63
C. V. P. S. Corp., electricity at Town Garage	24.00
Reynolds & Son, kerosene, torch, wire rope	115.49
Gail Colby, typing warning and Quadrennial appraisal	5.00
H. F. Gates, gasoline and kerosene	9.87
Russell A. Bagley, commitment Leonard Bernard	37.00
F. Robert Cahill, piling wood, town garage	9.80
Shell Oil Co., kerosene	.88
Chelsea Job Press, office supplies, printing town reports, etc.	284.22
Interstate Equipment & Supplies Co., Inc., welder, rods	567.25
Henry Osmer, raking and mowing commons	79.94
Chelsea Job Press, printing quadrennial appraisal	70.00
Geo. D. Lyford, fixing fence on Blackhawk property	6.00
Orlando Braman, mowing old cemetery	26.44
William Couillard, mowing old cemetery	10.00
Ernest Royce, mowing old cemetery	3.92
Fred B. Sanborn, mowing old cemetery	29.64
Geo. H. Hayward, hauling limbs and brush from commons	8.00
N. S. Darley Co., constable's badge	2.04
Guy W. Bowin, dog damage to chickens	55.00
Edwin Sanborn, mowing commons and use of mower	53.00
Alan H. McCullough, labor at dump	8.82
Dwight McCullough, labor at dump	11.02
Maurice G. McCullough, labor at dump	8.82
A. C. Coburn, labor at dump	8.82
John M. Hayward, labor at dump	8.82
Harold Hayward, Jr. labor at dump	8.82
Grace Reed, mowing Wiggins Cem.	10.00
Earl Russell, mowing weeds on recreation field	7.00
Alice B. Allen, dog damage to sheep	220.00
Ernest E. Luce, 514 ft. boards	35.98
Walter Braman, painting roof, town garage	17.00
Vermont State Treasurer, snow plow	35.00
International Salt Co., 6 tons salt (repaid from snow road)	124.80
Chas. R. McCullough, hauling salt from So. Royalton	12.00

H. N. Sanborn & Son, paint brushes	5.25
Leon V. Stevens, care of town clock	60.00
Mrs. F. W. Hood, repayment of med. examiner fees, Harley Sutton	12.45
Thomas P. Dunleavy, D. D., examination of Barbara Coburn	12.66
Chas. Button, tending culvert	5.00
Geo. K. Cushman, Jr., dump fire	1.50
Edwin C. Anderson, dump fire	1.50
Alan H. McCullough, dump fire	3.92
Merle G. Colby, dump fires	7.00
Lawrence O. Allen, mowing Allen & Lincoln Cems., 2 yrs.	12.00
Warren S. Gilman, Tax collector, taxes abated	85.11
	$ 2,753.34

Crushed Gravel

Dwight McCullough, self, truck and shovel	$ 677.41
Maurice McCullough, labor	84.37
Charles McCullough, labor	47.18
Hinesburg Sand & Gravel Co., crusher, men and truck	1,865.15
Forrest Barnaby, self and truck	136.00
Geo. H. Hayward, self and truck	10.20
Guy F. Moxley, 4,133 yds. gravel @ 10¢	413.30
Total	$ 3,233.61

Tractor and Bulldozer

Casellini-Venable Corp., parts	$ 271.36
Shell Oil Co., fuel	160.51
Kennedy's Garage, repairs	120.00
Lowell McLeod, Inc., steel	6.45
Dwight McCullough, labor	37.97
Chas. R. McCullough, labor	14.98
Maurice McCullough, labor	8.82
DuBois Construction Co., moving bulldozer	10.00
Kenneth Maynard, labor	4.90
Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Co., steel for bulldozer	90.00
A. F. Sanborn & Son, pipe fittings	.85
H. F. Gates, gasoline	3.98
F. A. Slayton, oil	17.20
Gulf Oil Corp., oil and anti-freeze	85.17
Alan H. McCullough, labor	84.68
John M. Hayward, labor	8.82

H. N. Sanborn & Son, battery	13.60
	$ 939.29

Notes and Interest

Orange County Branch Bank, notes paid	$ 31,500.00
Orange County Branch Bank, interest	1,091.00
	$ 32,591.00

Taxes

Director Internal Revenue, income tax withheld	$ 18.10
Vermont State Treasurer, income tax withheld	1.90
Vermont State Treasurer, social security tax (½ withheld from employee	76.83
E. H. Sargent, Treas., county tax of 3%	192.80
Vermont State Treas., old age assistence tax	1,144.80
Vermont Agriculture Extension Service, assessment	250.55
University of Vermont, lease land rent	3.10
	$ 1,688.08

Appropriations

Doris L. Hill, Treas., Chelsea Public Library	$ 500.00
Manley Carpenter, Memorial Day	100.00
Esther E. Smith, Treas., Highland Cemetery	400.00
Chelsea Fire District No. 1 — 1954 and 1955	700.00
	$ 1,700.00

Bridges

W. S. Gilman, tax coll. for Caroline Hook, plank	$ 162.68
Ernest E. Luce, plank	138.25
Alan H. McCullough, labor	8.82
Dwight McCullough, truck	14.40
Charles McCullough, labor	20.97
Maurice McCullough, labor	13.13
John M. Hayward, labor	35.57
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	30.87
A. C. Coburn, labor	48.51
Edwin S. Luce, land damage	50.00
Petrometal Industries, Inc., reflecting signs	179.93
Byron Maynard, paint	5.00
Kenneth Maynard, labor	2.94
John C. Rowell, plank	375.35
A. F. Sanborn & Son, repairs to bridge lights	4.16
Chelsea Job Press, light bulbs, etc.	5.45
A. C. Coburn, tending bridge lights	10.00

M. L. Hayward, repairs to bridge lights	14.75
	$ 1,120.78

Streets and Roads

C. V. P. S. Corp., street lights	$ 396.50
Hill-Martin Corp., sand spreader	367.00
James F. O'Shea, 10 tons calcium chloride and freight	369.89
Dwight McCullough, hauling chloride from So. Royalton	20.00
Dwight McCullough, Road Comm., highway tax	6,456.99
Vermont State Treas., State Highway Assessment	777.50
Warren E. Hook, cutting bushes	30.00
	$ 8,417.88

Insurance

O. Fay Allen, tractor and plow	$ 21.25
Farm Bureau Ins. Co., grader	39.70
O. Fay Allen, Town Officers' Bonds	62.50
Farm Bureau Ins. Co., Workmen's Compensation	215.90
O. Fay Allen, Town Hall	41.60
F. Ray Keyser, Town Hall	41.60
Merle G. Colby, Town Hall	83.20
Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., grader	27.05
	$ 532.80

School and Gymnasium

School, taxes raised	$ 26,609.76
Brookhaven Home for Boys, payment per trust deed	186.75
Gymnasium, taxes raised	1,603.00
Brookhaven Home for Boys, payment per trust deed	11.25
	$ 28,410.76

Grader

Shell Oil Co., gasoline for grader	$ 330.34
Shell Oil Co., fuel oil, motor oil for grader	300.57
Dwight McCullough, labor	88.20
Charles McCullough, labor	40.18
Maurice McCullough, labor	22.54
Interstate Equipment and Supplies Co., Inc., V-plow	1,185.00
Interstate Equipment & Supplies Co., Inc., parts and supplies 5.96	215.76
Interstate Equipment & Supplies Co., Inc., trading graders	7,000.00
Gulf Oil Corp., oil and anti-freeze	123.98
Smith, Whitcomb & Cook Co., steel for plow	16.84
A. F. Sanborn & Son, valve	6.00

Eustace Ritchie, gear lube	23.00
Henry Gates, gasoline	3.00
Carle & Seaver, Inc., tire repairs	4.00
Kennedy's Garage, repairs	16.87
Bailey Bros., clutch and pressure plate	126.64
	$ 9,502.92

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highways system comprises 85.31 miles of roads, divided as follows: 8 miles "state aid" highway: 10.75 miles "state" highway, and 66.56 miles of "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line, The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Rogers' to the Arthur Bacon place, and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

General Highway Account

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Receipts

Town Tax $1.00	$ 6,411.99
Brookhaven Home, paid per trust deed	45.00
Franklin Burbank	20.00
A. E. McCullough	12.00
F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	45.00
	$ 6,533.99
Orders drawn	6,505.14
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956	$ 28.85

Orders Drawn

John Hayward, labor, man and truck	$ 200.12
Dwight McCullough, two trips to Barre	10.00
George Hayward, man and truck	676.60
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	532.00
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	246.98
Raymond Moulton, labor	89.04
Kenneth Maynard, labor	106.05
A. C. Coburn, labor	336.32
Alan McCullough, labor	179.99

Maurice McCullough, labor	430.43
Charles McCullough, labor	413.46
Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	1,842.92
Town Treasurer, State Aid Account	500.00
Chelsea Job Press, ledger sheets, order books	1.82
Dwight McCullough, telephone calls	12.90
Blaktop, Inc., coldpatch	3.25
Hinesburg Sand & Gravel, use of truck	23.00
Elwin Kendall, labor	135.00
O. Fay Allen, renewal of bond	5.00
Orlando Braman, labor	2.50
Harry O'Donnell, labor, and with team	128.04
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor, and with team	38.40
Arthur O'Donnell, labor	35.50
George Lyford, labor	20.00
Guy Moxley, 1,126 yds. gravel @ 10c	112.60
Athol Coburn, labor, and with team	21.00
Henry Gates, kerosene and gasoline	25.25
State Treasurer, Social Security	114.43
Petrometal Industries, Inc., signs	25.70
Brighton Steel Co., flares	19.63
W. S. Gilman, taxes for Harry O'Donnell, Kenneth O'Donnell, and Raymond Moulton	58.22
Vermont Tax Department, State Withholding Tax	15.89
District Director of Internal Revenue Service, Federal Withholding Tax	143.10
	$ 6,505.14

Unselected Highways

Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 426.33
Harry Hayward, gravel	30.00
State Treasurer, account receivable	10,134.00
	$ 10,590.33
Orders drawn	9,743.67
Balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 846.66

Orders Drawn

Raymond Moulton, labor	$ 383.31
Harry O'Donnell, labor	293.21
John Hayward, labor, man and truck	572.26
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	403.07
A. C. Coburn, labor	406.29
Alan McCullough, labor	361.01
Maurice McCullough, labor	359.95

Charles McCullough, labor, man and truck	711.29
Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	1,709.74
Kenneth Maynard, labor	183.34
George Hayward, man and truck	728.60
Vernon Hook, labor	104.00
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	108.00
Laurence Lyon, labor, man and truck	81.29
W. S. Gilman, man and chain saw	26.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	1,393.87
Frank Bailey, 300 posts	62.00
Vt. Explosives Co., Inc., explosives	113.73
Hill Martin Co., rental for compressor and jackhammer	351.18
Guy Moxley, 2,140 yd. gravel @ 10¢	221.00
L. B. Bowen, 6 rolls wire	55.50
Director Internal Rev., Federal Withholding Tax	80.40
Vt. State Treas., State Withholding Tax	11.52
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	142.26
Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	406.85
Town Treas., 600 yd. crushed gravel @ 79¢	474.00
	$ 9,743.67

State Aid Highways

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1955		$ 845.30
Dust Laying (No. 1)		
State Treasurer	$ 200.00	
Town Share	200.00	
		400.00
Gravel Resurfacing (No. 2)		
State Treasurer	356.00	
Town Share	178.00	
		534.00
Construction —Roads (E. Randolph)		
State Treas. (acct. recievable)	6,528.39	
Towns share	1,000.00	
		7,528.39
Construction — Bridge (Luce)		
Town of W. Fairlee, paint	64.00	
Town of Washington, pipe	30.00	
State Treas. (80% cost acct. receivable)	9,578.96	
Town share (20% cost)	2,394.74	
		12,067.70
Total		$ 21,355.39

Disbursements

Dust Laying	$ 69.61	
Gravel Resurfacing	561.35	
Construction — Roads	7,725.53	
Construction — Bridge	11,973.70	
		20,330.19

Balance Jan. 1, 1956 $ 1,025.20

Summary Orders Drawn

Dust Laying

Dwight McCullough, labor	$ 11.02
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	8.82
Maurice McCullough, labor	8.82
Charles McCullough, labor	8.82
John Hayward, man and truck	30.60
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	1.53
	$ 69.61

Gravel Resurfacing

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 199.26
Maurice McCullough, labor	14.20
Charles McCullough, labor	23.57
John Hayward, labor	26.46
Kenneth Maynard, labor	23.57
George Hayward, man and truck	91.80
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	108.00
Director Internal Revenue, Federal withholding tax	5.70
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax	.60
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	5.19
Guy Moxley, 630 yds. gravel @ 10¢	63.00
	$ 561.35

Construction — Roads

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 1,460.23
Maurice McCullough, labor	235.59
Charles McCullough, labor, man and truck	420.17
Alan McCullough, labor	188.05
A. C. Coburn, labor	186.53
John Hayward, labor, man and truck	419.81
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	234.27
Kenneth Maynard, labor	102.09
George Hayward, man and chain saw	50.00
George Hayward, man and truck	292.40
Director Internal Rev., Federal Withholding Tax	46.50
Vt. State Treas., State Withholding Tax	6.17

Vt. State Treas., Social Security	55.95
L. B. Bowen, 1 roll wire	8.50
Jack Kennedy, use of wrecker	15.00
Henry Gates, gas and kerosene for compressor and flares	10.88
Guy Moxley, 2,330 yd. gravel @ 10¢	233.00
D. & D. Concrete Co., 3 cu. yd. cement	54.78
Philip Rogers, 70 bales hay	31.50
Lawrence Lyon, man and truck	173.40
Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	477.90
Town Treas., 2,720 yds. crushed gravel @ 79¢	2,148.80
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	874.01
	$ 7,725.53

Construction — Bridge

Dwight McCullough, labor, shovel and truck	$ 1,413.52
Maurice McCullough, labor	278.32
Charles McCullough, labor, man and truck	425.86
Alan McCullough, labor	242.01
Raymond Moulton, labor	73.50
John Hayward, labor	210.70
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	243.68
Kenneth Maynard, labor	115.72
A. C. Coburn, labor	225.55
Henry Gates, gas and oil for compressor	15.64
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 55 gal. Bistumastic	97.02
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., Armco Multiplate Pipe	7,083.44
Hill Martin Co., rental for Compressor and Jack Hammer	175.58
Director Internal Rev., Federal Withholding Tax	60.70
Vt. State Treas., State Withholding Tax	9.30
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	76.43
Frank Bailey, 50 posts	25.00
D. & D. Concrete Co., 8 cu. yd. concrete	146.08
George Hayward, man and truck	173.40
Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	242.35
Town Treas., 810 yd. crushed gravel	639.90
	$ 11,973.70

Snow Roads
Receipts

Balance, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 45.95
State Treasurer	1,645.00

Town of Washington	543.75
	$ 2,234.70
Orders drawn	2,491.10
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1956	$ 256.40

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 884.73
Charles McCullough, labor, truck	728.82
Maurice McCullough, labor	133.15
Orlando Braman, labor	23.03
Guy F. Moxley, sand	11.00
Albert Coburn, labor	112.95
Maurice Kennedy, labor and truck	172.71
George Cushman, labor	2.45
Merle Colby, labor	4.90
Elwin Kendall, labor	22.05
J. Allen Ogilvie, labor	22.54
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	4.90
K. John Walker, labor	4.41
Athol Coburn	8.82
George H. Hayward, labor and truck	23.85
Town General Account, reimburse for 6 T. salt and hauling	136.80
John M. Hayward, labor and truck	20.28
Lawrence Lyon, labor and truck	10.14
Chas. McCullough, labor	112.97
State Treasurer, Social Security	50.65
	$ 2,491.10

OVERSEER'S REPORT

Total orders drawn		$ 5,496.96
Accounts repaid		
By State of Vt.,		
Alfred Buick	$ 651.70	
Raymond Churchill	223.88	
Lillian Downing	16.50	
Mattie J. S. Hart	107.99	
Margaret R. Cyr	23.22	
By Katherine Gaudette	11.00	
By John Hayward	7.00	
By Harold Berry	56.00	
By William Avery	5.00	
By Town of Topsham, Lester		

Holmes	136.90	
By Town of Washington, James M. Hill	97.00	
By City of Barre, Raymond Plant	27.90	
By Health Center, Mayme Fletcher	6.15	
		1,370.24
Net expense to Town		$ 4,126.72

Orders Drawn

Vivian and Thomas Johnson	$ 49.00
Harold Berry	905.92
Alfred George	262.15
Katherine Gaudette	347.37
George Dunbar	816.60
Warren Hook	8.00
William Stone	8.00
George Chase	76.20
Reno L. Streeter	11.46
Robert Snow	3.90
Robert Cahill	216.00
Dorothy Holmes	12.65
Robert Parker	70.42
Mrs. Ethan Jones	187.33
Mayme Fletcher	6.15
Julius Whitehurst	76.80
Raymond Churchill	223.88
Alfred Buick	539.35
Ray Plant	27.90
Mattie Hart	107.99
Lill Downing	16.50
James Hill	97.00
Lester Holmes	132.90
M. Cyr	23.55
E. Hayward	7.00
B. Downing	17.00
Dept. Social Welfare:	
Aid for Dependent Children ⅛ actual cost	697.55
Child Care ½ actual cost	482.24
Total	$ 5,496.96

Families drawing Aid for Dependent Children for the year 1955 were Pauline Cahill, Jean L. Clark, Alma

S. Dukette, Winnifred S. Paul, Goldie Magoon, Sylvia Miles.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Overseer

Revolving Medical Fund

Disbursements from the Fund this year for two persons or families were $157.77 of which 61.44 has been repaid. The following accounts for which no effort has been made for repayment are collectible:

1952	John Gardner	$ 14.50
1952	Elmer Pratt	33.00
1952	David Blakeney	31.40
1952	Lloyd Hill	33.00
1953	Linda Croft Parker	106.00
		$ 217.90

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Act. Chairman

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 13 persons or families	$ 622.07
Services of Board Members	40.00
	$ 662.07

ROBERTS POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955:	
In checking account	$ 49.02
In savings account	61.04
Interest on savings account	7.87
Received from Old Colony Trust Co.	750.00
Refund from individuals	82.55
	$ 950.48

Disbursements

Paid orders drawn by Board	$ 537.63
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956—	
In checking account	203.94
In savings account	208.91
	$ 950.48

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

Outstanding Orders

Dec. 31, 1955	
No. 724	$ 49.44

No. 725	75.00
	$ 124.44

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

George F. D. French, Lot No. 168	$ 100.00
Mrs. E. O. Matoon, Est., Lot No. 272	200.00
Martha J. Bacon, Lot No. 321½	100.00
Minnie B. Goodwin, Lot No. 248	100.00
Vida M. Colby, Lot No. 302½	100.00
Forrest M. and Elizabeth P. Sanborn, Lot No. 204	100.00
Nellie S. Hood, Lot No. 323	200.00
George T. Densmore Est., Lot No. 82½	100.00
George C. Tutherly, Lot No. 142½	200.00
John D. Ballou, Lot No. 211	50.00
Henry H. Hodgdon, Lot No. 31½	200.00
	$ 1,450.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

Orlando Braman, labor		$ 451.75
William Couillard, labor		63.00
Ernest Royce, labor		188.00
Kenneth Maynard, labor		5.50
James Maynard, labor		25.00
Fred Sanborn		281.30
Demers Repairs, shop repairs		1.80
Alan McCullough, hauling leaves		7.00
Dwight McCullough, hauling gravel		18.40
Charles McCullough, hauling gravel		16.00
Ralph Grant, lumber for well house		9.50
A. F. Sanborn & Son, sheet metal		3.19
H. N. Sanborn & Son, paint		3.75
Vermasco Supply Co., supplies		10.60
Chelsea Job Press, printing		4.50
Esther Smith		
Services as Treasurer	$ 20.00	
Cash paid for postage	3.00	
		23.00
E. H. Colby		
Services as Supt.	$ 35.00	
Supplies per bill	43.47	
Hauling leaves	10.00	

Power mower	75.00	
		163.47
Total		$ 1,275.76

TREASURER'S CEMETERY REPORT

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1955		$ 19.70
Rec'd interest on bonds		614.03
Rec'd from individuals for care of lots		337.13
Sale of Lots		160.00
Vida Colby	No. 302½	
George Tutherly	No. 142½	
A. Edwards & Sons	No. 171½	
Mrs. Lizzie A. Chaplin	No. 283½	
Mrs. Edna M. Liese	No. 167½	
Forest M. and Elizabeth P. Sanborn	No. 204	
Town appropriation		400.00
Wm. Godfrey, use of tomb		5.00
		$ 1,535.86

Disbursements

Paid orders	$ 1,273.60
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1955	$ 262.26
Outstanding orders:	
Dec. 30, 1955	
No. 972—Orlando Braman	$ 1.50
No. 973—E. H. Colby	88.47
	$ 89.97

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

By the Auditors

Total Funds Jan. 1, 1955	$ 24,260.05
Funds added per report	1,450.00
Total funds Dec. 31, 1955	$ 25,710.05
Funds are invested as follows:	
U. S. Bonds	$ 24,800.00
Savings Acct., O. C. Br. Bank	610.05
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.	300.00
	$ 25,710.05

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLAND CEMETERY

During 1955 the receipts were $1,516.16 ($1,535.86 as reported by Treasurer, less balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955, $19.70.)

Total of orders drawn was $1,275.76 making a gain of $240.40.

In addition to mowing, many gravestones were straightened, repaired or reset, well-house was repaired and gravel drawn on road.

We are pleased with the continual increase in trust funds.

Through the cooperation of the Selectmen more mowing was done in the "Old" Cemetery and considerable work done straightening and resetting stones.

We recommend for 1956 an appropriation of $400.

EDWARD B. HATCH,
PERCY J. HEATH,
ESTHER E. SMITH,
E. HAROLD COLBY,
STANLEY C. WILSON,
Commissioners

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in bank, Jan. 1, 1955	$	77.81
Interest on savings acct.		1.45
Int. on Gov't Bonds		40.00
Int. on Trust Funds in Granite Savings Bank		5.02
Int. on Frank Button fund in O. C. Br. Bank		6.57
	$	130.85
Paid for Weed Killer	$	1.27
Paid LaFrancis for mowing lots		45.00
Balance in O. C. Branch Bank		84.58
	$	130.85

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds Jan. 1, 1955	$	2,050.00
Received 1955		
Alfred Dodge, care of ½ lot 39		100.00
Geo. Densmore Est, care Chas. Densmore lot		100.00

Frank Button Est., care of lot	50.00
Trust funds Dec. 31, 1955	$ 2,300.00
Trust Funds invested as follows:	
U. S. Bonds	$ 1,800.00
Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co.	500.00
	$ 2,300.00

HARRY L. HAYWARD, For Trustees

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance in savings account, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 30.18
Received interest on savings account	.46
Received interest on U. S. Bonds	12.50
	$ 43.14
Disbursements for care of Roberts lot	20.00
Balance in savings account, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 23.14

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund—$800.00

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 25.34
Interest on savings account	.54
Interest on U. S. Bond	20.00
	$ 45.88
Paid for labor	6.50
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 39.38

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR THE CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal of Fund—$500.00

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 29.79
Interest on savings account	.29
Interest on U. S. Bond	12.50
No bills paid—Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 42.58

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

The year 1955 has been an important one for our library. Hon. E. Ray Speare, son of Alden Speare, who gave us our library, sent us two gifts during the year totalling $1,000.00. You will note from the treasurer's report that the income from trust funds and the town appropriation is enough to operate the library, but not enough to provide anything but a very meagre purchase of books and magazines.

With the Speare money we have purchased a 20 volume COLLIER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA which is up to date and is excellent for graded and high school reference work. We also purchased a 10 volume set of POPULAR SCIENCE, NEW WORLD ATLAS and GAZATEER, 12 volume set of CHILD CRAFT, and several books in the CHILDHOOD OF FAMOUS AMERICANS, THE NEW JUNIOR CLASSICS and CHILDREN'S CLASSICS.

We have put our magazine purchases on a long time renewal basis, which resulted in a large expenditure this year, but will result in a saving each year hereafter.

A new bookcase has been constructed for children's books. Other purchases from the Speare money include a screen for the fireplace, waste baskets, pen set for desk, caining of chairs, and new lock and keys for library.

We are planning to make further purchases of books in the reference field and hope that our library will be a source of information as well as pleasure for children and adults. Letters have been sent to teachers in our schools advising them of additions to the library and inviting them to make full use of it.

Frank A. Ordway presented the library with a beautiful fireside chair in memory of Mrs. Martha Ordway who died in December 1954. Mrs. Ordway, as we all know, took a great deal of interest in the library as well as other community affairs, and for many years served as trustee and secretary-treasurer of the Library. We have had a fire in the fireplace many library days this Winter and this corner is very comfortable.

Many children's books were added through a fund collected by the Orange County Sheriff's Association

in memory of the late Oliver E. Burgess. Mrs. Stanley C. Wilson recently presented the library with a complete matched set of Zane Grey's works and the Hometowners have given us several books.

We are ever grateful for the untiring work of our librarian, Mrs. Ina J. Stevens, whose interest and efforts are not limited to library hours.

O. FAY ALLEN, JR.,
RACHEL COMSTOCK,
DORIS HILL,
ESTHER SMITH,
DAVID STENDER,
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

During the year 344 books were accessioned. 224 Adult and 120 Juvenile. Of these 221 were gifts and 123 were purchased. 105 were obtained from the E. Ray Speare Fund.

A gift of money was received from the Orange County Sherriff's Association to purchase books in memory of Oliver Burgess. With this, State Names, Flags Seals, Songs, Birds, Flowers and Other Symbols by Shankle was bought to be kept on the Reference Shelves. With the remainder 23 Juvenile books were added.

The His'n Hern group gave in memory of Angier Edwards, Butterfield (ed), Saturday Evening Post Treasury; Boucher (ed), Fantasy and Science Fiction; Kuebler, Treasury of Science Fiction Classics; Mason, Blue Hurricane.

Also in memory of Mrs. Martha Ordway, Variable Winds of Jalna, was presented by Mrs. Anna Sargent.

The Woman's Club Book Club donated 11 Adult books. The Hometowners gave money for 11 books. 22 other people have given books and several magazines are also gifts.

We borrowed during the year from the Free Public Library Commission 224 Adult and 246 Juvenile books.

A young People's Division is being built up including books for Older Juvenile and Young Adults.

Five Senior students came for practice in Filing last Spring.

Circulation for the year was 7,049.

The Library is open Tuesday and Saturday after-

noons from 2 to 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Current Receipts:		
Bal. on hand Jan. 15, 1955	$ 1.23	
Town Appropriation	500.00	
Income from Roberts Fund	220.00	
Income from Braley Fund	9.95	
Income from Shaw Fund	52.00	
Sale of Cabinet	30.00	
Fines and discarded books	9.69	
		$ 822.87
Special Purpose Receipts:		
Transfer from E. Ray Speare Fund	320.00	
Hometowners (for books)	10.00	
Sheriffs Assoc. (for books)	2.05	
Woman's Club (for books)	17.77	
		349.82
		$ 1,172.69

Expenditures

Librarian	$ 200.00	
Assistants	111.00	
Books	77.80	
Periodicals	30.00	
Library Supplies	20.48	
Box rent and postage	3.90	
Fuel and servicing oil burner	192.22	
Janitor services and cleaning	112.00	
Insurance on contents of library	27.90	
Miscellaneous	5.00	
		780.30
Books (Special receipts for same)	29.82	
Books and Improvements (E. Ray Speare Special Fund)	319.39	
		349.21
		$ 1,129.51

Cash on hand
Jan. 1, 1956 $ 9.69

Bank Balance Jan. 1, 1956	33.49		
		43.18	
			$ 1,172.69

DORIS L. HILL, Treasurer

E. RAY SPEARE LIBRARY

Trust Fund

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 777.68
Received special gifts from E. Ray Speare, 1955	1,000.00
Interest	10.57
	$ 1,788.25
Paid Librarian	$ 50.00
Transferred per treasurer's report	320.00
	$ 370.00
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	1,418.25
	$ 1,788.25

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

187 dogs were licensed, including a kennel license for 12 dogs, and after fees were deducted, $400.25 was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right

David Novick	$ 15.80
Cecil Thompson	10.00
Jessie Baldwin	12.04
George Hayward	29.36
Total	$ 67.20

Rent Due and Unpaid Dec. 31, 1955

Madeline Blakeney	$ 9.30
David Blakeney	39.00
Total	$ 48.30

Division of Parsonage Right Rentals

United Church	$ 39.00

West Hill Church		19.50
Total	$	58.50

Received for School Rentals

E. H. Colby	$	.75
I. S. Rushworth		11.00
Florence Burgess		1.50
Richard Kennedy		3.00
Percy Heath		4.75
Flint Brothers Lumber Co.		6.25
Clinton Burbank		9.00
Harold Camp		.50
	$	36.75

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Principal of Fund—$200.00

U. S. Gov't. Bonds No. C 3099260 G and C 3099259 G, Interest $5.00. Paid General Town Account toward care of commons $2.50. The balance of $2.50 interest was received but deposited by error in the Highland Cemetery Account, whose commissioners will repay it to the General Town Account in 1956.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND REPORT

Town Appropriation		$	100.00
Paid Out—			
Flags	$ 19.00		
Postage and ins.	1.96		
Band	35.00		
Speaker	10.00		
Old Soldiers Markers	30.00		
			95.96
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956		$	4.04

MANLEY CARPENTER, Chairman

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our twentieth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Chelsea on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1955.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained reasonably stable for four years. The number

aided in the Totally and Permanently Disabled program has continued to increase. Old Age Assistance and Blind Assistance caseloads have declined. The impact of the Social Security Insurance programs have not been fully realized in Vermont but will be a continuing factor in the reduction of case loads as an increasing number of our people attain a fully insured status. At the present time less than 50% of the aged population in Vermont, sixty-five years or over, are entitled to Social Security benefits. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	$ 17,695.00
Aid to the Blind	1,284.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	5,812.00
Aid to the Disabled	432.00
Committed Children**	1,365.73
Total	$ 26,588.73

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

* One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

** One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a report of your Public Health Nurse for the year 1955:

The Public Health Nursing Division of the Department of Health would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to the members of the Women's Club, School Board and all other local volunteers who gave so generously of their time and services to promote and support the health program in their community.

Twenty-five first and second graders received Salk Vaccine under the N. F. I. P. Program. As it becomes available, polio vaccine may be administered to children from two months through fourteen years and to expectant mothers under the State Polio Program.

An Infant and Preschool Conference was held in October at the Chelsea Health Center with Dr. Brew-

ster Martin and Dr. Luke A. Howe as the examining physicians. Physican examinations 19; Diphtheria-Tetanus and Whooping Cough Series completed 7; Diphtheria-Tetanus-Whooping Cough booster doses 3; and Smallpox vaccination 14.

The School Health Conference was held in October at Chelsea Health Center with Dr. Brewster Martin and Dr. Luke Howe as the examining physicians. Total attendance 65; physical examinations 50; Diphtheria-Tetanus Series 8; Diphtheria-Tetanus booster doses 39; and Smallpox Vaccinations 10.

During the year ending December 31, 1955, 124 visits were made in Chelsea by the public health nurse for the purpose of health guidance and instruction.

To contact the public health nurse covering your Town, you may address: Public Health Nursing Division, Department of Health, State Office Bldg., Montpelier, Vt.

Very truly yours,

MISS DORIS M. FISH,
Supervisor,
Public Health Nursing

TAX COLLECTORS BALANCE SHEET

January 1, 1956

W. S. Gilman, Collector of Taxes

Year Assessed		Uncollected Jan. 1,'55	Collected in 1955	Abated Dec. 30,'55	Uncollected Jan. 1,'56
1951	Polls	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$	$
1952	Polls	42.00	21.00	10.50	10.50
1952	Prop.	300.75	258.75		42.00
1953	Polls	109.71	56.66	10.61	42.44
1953	Prop.	1,896.69	1,583.47		313.22
1954	Polls	392.50	338.30	10.60	43.60
1954	Prop.	4,057.82	3,261.02		796.80
1955	Polls	4,856.40	4,425.05	11.40	419.95
1955	Prop.	50,284.15	47,227.71	42.00	3,014.44
Totals		$61,945.02	57,176.96	85.11	4,682.95

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. GILMAN,
Collector

Taxes Abated Dec. 30, 1955

1952-53 Poll—Harold Hill, not in Chelsea April 1, 1952-53	$	21.11
1954 Poll—Florence Jewell, taxed in Topsham		10.60
1955 Poll—George Chase, Jr., in State Hospital		11.40
1955 Prop.—Carroll and Ralph Carpenter, error in listing		8.40
1955 Prop.—Hinesburg Sand & Gravel Co., clerical error		33.60
Total	$	85.11

DELINQUENT TAXES

Ackerman, Gertrude			
1954 Property	$	1.90	
1955 Property		2.11	
			$ 4.01
Amidon, Richard			
1955 Property			4.22
Anderson, Arthur G.			
1955 Property			168.00
Austin, Irene and Ernest			
1954 Property	$	.45	
1955 Property		103.33	
1955 Poll		11.40	
			115.18
Bellefeuille, John and Shirley			
1954 Property	$	47.82	
1955 Property		120.96	
			168.78
Blakeney, David and Madeline			
1955 Property			18.06
Blanchard, A. W.			
1955 Property	$	4.22	
1955 Poll		11.40	
			15.62
Braman, Orlando			
1955 Poll			9.55
Brock, Wilfred			
1954 Property			21.75
Brown, Harley			
1955 Polls			22.80
Buick, Alfred			
1955 Polls			22.80

Cahill, Robert		
1954 Polls		21.20
*Camire, Henry		
1955 Property		8.40
Carpenter, Alan		
1955 Property	$ 79.82	
1955 Poll	22.80	
		102.62
Chelsea Lumber Co.		
1955 Property		151.20
*Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M.		
1955 Property		42.00
Coburn, Ralph		
1954 Property	$ 34.20	
1955 Property	168.00	
		202.20
Collins, Henry and Hilda		
1954 Polls	$ 11.20	
1955 Polls	22.80	
		34.00
Crouse, Allen and Catherine		
1955 Polls	$ 22.80	
1955 Property	111.82	
		134.62
*Dickerman, Harold		
1955 Property		27.31
Downing, Byron		
1952 Poll	$ 10.50	
1953 Poll	10.61	
		21.11
Durkee, George		
1955 Property		16.80
Gardner, John		
1955 Polls		22.80
Griffin, Geo. L.		
1955 Polls	$ 22.80	
1955 Property	58.80	
		81.60
Goss, William Est.		
1955 Property		27.31
Goodrich, Joseph		
1955 Prop.		98.11
Harrington, Raymond		
1955 Polls		22.80

Hayward, John		
1955 Property		58.80
Hill, Arthur E.		
1955 Property		29.40
Hill, Lloyd		
1953 Property	$ 11.42	
1954 Property	11.42	
1955 Property	12.62	
		35.46
Holmes, Hazel		
1955 Property	$ 72.20	
1953 Poll	10.61	
		82.81
Holmes, Lester		
1955 Polls		22.80
Hook, Warren		
1955 Property	$ 67.20	
1954 Property	89.31	
1953 Property	116.81	
1952 Property	42.00	
		315.32
Johnson, Thomas B.		
1954 Property	$ 27.90	
1955 Property	90.30	
		118.20
Jones, Ethan S.		
1955 Property		4.22
Kennedy, Glenn		
1955 Property		22.27
Lane, Clarence		
1955 Property		12.62
Liese, Charles A.		
1955 Property		16.80
Littlefield, Earle		
1955 Property		33.60
Luce, Ernest		
1955 Property		47.46
Luce, Ernest and Harold		
1955 Property		29.42
Lyon, Ralph O.		
1955 Property		43.44
Lyon, Walter		
1955 Property		105.02
McKay, Adam		
1955 Property		378.00

Moulton, Raymond		
1955 Polls		22.80
O'Donnell, Kenneth		
1955 Property	$ 92.82	
1954 Prop.	81.71	
		174.53
O'Donnell, Harry		
1954 Property	$ 116.67	
1953 Property	97.10	
1955 Polls	22.80	
		236.57
Parker, Charles and Linda		
1955 Property	$ 219.66	
1954 Property	74.87	
1953 Property	35.13	
1955 Polls	22.80	
		352.46
Parker, Robert and Jeanne		
1955 Polls		22.80
Plante, Raymond		
1955 Poll	$ 11.40	
1954 Poll	10.60	
		22.00
Paul, Eward and Winnie		
1954 Property	$ 45.60	
1955 Property	52.50	
1955 Polls	22.80	
		120.90
Pratt, Elmer and Olive		
1955 Property	$ 20.80	
1954 Property	121.60	
1953 Property	34.76	
		177.16
Rathburn, Mary J., heirs		
1955 Property		16.80
Reed, John		
1955 Property		3.36
Renfrew, Josie, Henry and Hilda Collins		
1955 Property	$ 106.27	
1954 Property	82.08	
1953 Property	18.00	
1955 Poll	11.40	
		217.75
Sanborn, Beatrice I.		
1955 Poll	$ 11.40	

1954 Poll	.60	
		12.00
Stone, William		
1955 Poll		11.40
Verge, Isadore		
1955 Property	$ 125.59	
1955 Polls	22.80	
		148.39
Whipple, Winfred		
1955 Property		84.00
*Winters, Paul V.		
1953 Polls		21.22
Whitehurst, Julius		
1955 Property	$ 58.80	
1954 Property	39.52	
		98.32

* Paid in full at time of printing town report.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

During 1955 the fire department was called to seven chimney fires within the fire district and two house fires, one brush, one car, and one chimney fire within the town but outside the fire district. Both houses were total losses. At the Woodworth fire, a small duck pond which had been built by children was a great help in protecting the barns.

Few, if any property owners have consulted with the fire department about water supply as recommended in the 1954 report.

E. H. COLBY,
Fire Chief

Annual Report

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Town School District

Chelsea, Vermont

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT
July 1954-June 1955
Receipts

Receipts per Treasurers Book	$ 59,688.88
Overdraft, July 1, 1954	1,290.40
Total receipts	$ 58,398.48
Orders drawn	60,467.10
Overdraft	$ 2,068.62

Reconciliation of Balance

Overdraft	$ 2,068.62
Oustanding orders	1,790.66
Overdraft as of June 30, 1955	$ 277.96

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

Year as of June 30:	
1951 net debt	$ 11,147.74
1952 net debt	11,074.81
1953 net debt	11,496.86
1954 net debt	12,290.40
1955 net debt	10,277.96

Summary of Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	$ 22,244.66
State Teachers' Retirement	1,803.68
Director of Int. Revenue	2,926.80
Vt. Tax Dept.	366.40
Grp. Accident Ins. withheld	48.30
Superintendent	1,329.00
School Directors	331.07
Janitors	2,870.00
Transportation	5,903.72
Fuel	3,503.60
Repairs	344.60
Supplies	1,585.79
Textbooks	560.16
Lights	546.15
Telephone	122.00
Insurance	366.73
Money repaid and interest	14,495.53
Labor	401.13
Misc.	717.78
	$ 60,467.10

ITEMIZED EXPENSES

July 1, 1954 - June 30, 1955
Village School

Teachers:		
David W. Shipp	($3,750.00)	$ 2,712.94
Frances B. Ladd	(2,600.00)	2,522.00
Arthur Scott	(2,850.00)	2,219.40
Wm. G. Stevens	(3,700.00)	3,126.16
Elmer Roberts	(2,400.00)	2,051.40
Etta B. Giles	(2,200.00)	1,670.54
Marietta Churchill	(2,300.00)	1,738.94
Ruth I. Conley	(2,600.00)	2,092.54
		$ 18,133.32
Substitute teachers		98.00
Music Teachers:		
Arline Titus	$ 429.00	
Jean Fitts	273.00	
		702.00
Janitors:		
Clyde Lyon	$ 2,425.00	
Fred Sanborn	410.00	
		2,835.00
Transportation:		
A. Edwards	$ 1,445.00	
E. Philbrick	1,275.00	
V. Hook	595.00	
G. Button	82.90	
R. Ainsworth	56.10	
E. Russell	32.20	
C. Thompson	58.60	
FFA trans.	145.94	
Basketball	75.00	
Bus route advertising	12.98	
		3,778.72
Fuel:		
Gas	$ 240.50	
Coal	2,003.43	
Oil	937.99	
		3,181.92
Electricity		451.80
Telephone		122.00
Total at village school		$ 29,303.36

Meadowbrook School — No. 1

Teacher:			
Bessie Stender	($2,050.00)	$	1,571.20
Transportation:			
V. Hook	$ 935.00		
R. Lemery	1,190.00		
			2,125.00
Fuel—oil			224.18
Electricity			57.33
Total		$	3,977.71

West Hill School — No. 9

Teacher:			
Beatrice Coburn	($2,050.00)	$	1,739.54
Fuel—wood			97.50
Janitor (M. LaFrancis)			35.00
Electricity			37.02
Total		$	1,909.06

All Schools
(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$	331.07
Superintendent (A. C. Parker)		1,329.00
State Teachers' Retirement		1,803.68
Director of Internal Revenue		2,926.80
Vt. Tax Dept.		366.40
Group Accident Ins. withheld		48.30
Repairs		344.60
Supplies		1,585.79
Textbooks		560.16
Insurance		366.73
Money repaid and interest		14,495.53
Labor		401.13
Misc.		717.78
Total	$	25,276.97

Summary

Village School	$	29,303.36
No. 1 School		3,977.71
No. 9 School		1,909.06
All Schools		25,276.97
Total	$	60,467.10

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
For School Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955
Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1954	$ 424.78
Town tax	23,457.76
State Treasurer, State Aid	16,495.18
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	818.15
State Treasurer, State Aid for Building	1,592.22
County Treasurer	195.55
Grammar School Lease Land rent	55.10
Old Colony Trust Company	1,415.00
Rent of gymnasium	46.00
University of Vermont	5.00
Tutition	2,050.00
Refunds:	
A. Button	57.25
William Stevens	12.00
Bus insurance	3.41
Telephone	29.01
Substitute pay	30.00
Interest	337.20
Sales:	
Lumber	5.00
Easter music	14.00
Desks	10.00
Paint and paper	34.05
Rent of typewriter	27.00
Money borrowed	13,000.00
	$ 60,113.66

Disbursements

Orders Paid	$ 60,391.62
Overdraft, July 1, 1955	$ 277.96

Outstanding Orders June 30, 1955

No.			No.		
759	Jean Fitts	$ 14.00	799	St. Teacher. Ret.	523.16
765	Francis Ladd	252.20	801	Wm. Stevens	65.21
778	Wash Nat'l Ins. Co.	48.30	802	Gregg Awards	.90
781	Jean Fitts	7.00	803	Wm. Welch Mfg. Co.	26.86
790	Cecil Thompson	20.65	804	Allen Lumber Co.	6.65
794	A. C. Parker	110.75	805	N. E. Tel. Co.	12.20
795	Wm. Stevens	130.29	806	H. F. Sanborn & Son	22.50
797	Dir. Int. Rev.	286.60			
798	Vt. Tax Dept.	107.76			

807 C. V. P. S. Corp.	36.85	809 Treas. Wash. Sch. Dist.	24.43
808 Wash. Elect. Coop.	84.35	810 Wash. Elect. Corp.	10.00
		Total	$1,790.66

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955
Receipts

Town School Tax	$ 26,796.51
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,280.77
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	724.09
Money borrowed	5,000.00
County Treasurer, lease land rent	135.00
P. M. Leet, tuition	20.00
Rebate on insurance	9.20
Rent of Gym	5.00
Sale of desks	72.90
Total	$ 48,043.47
Overdraft July 1, 1955	277.96
Total	$ 47,765.51

Disbursements

Total orders paid	$ 35,211.16
Balance on hand December 31, 1955	$ 12,554.35

Outstanding Orders Dec. 31, 1955

No.			No.		
29	Jean Fitts	$ 14.00	71	Tide Water Assoc. Oil Co.	36.73
39	Francis Ladd	255.30	72	Ed. Music Bureau, Inc.	28.60
50	Wash. Nat'l Ins. Co.	15.48	73	White Paper Co.	1.65
54	George Lyford	36.00	76	Archie Bailey	5.00
58	Jean Fitts	14.00	77	State Teach. Ret.	740.11
60	N. E. T. & T. Co.	10.35	78	A. C. Parker	111.49
61	Glenn Sanborn	10.95	79	Vt. Tax Dept.	160.08
62	J. K. Miller	130.20	81	Chelsea Job Press	6.00
64	Silver-Burdette Co.	1.13	82	McMillan Co.	2.55
65	Cambasco Scientific	23.69	83	Dir. Int. Rev.	306.60
67	Alans	43.54			
68	W. T. Tresler	185.14			
70	American Book Co.	.66			
				Total	$2,139.25

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S REPORT
July 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Teachers' salaries	$ 9,515.53
State Teachers' Retirement System	740.11
Director of Internal Revenue	1,307.35
Vermont Tax Dept.	229.02
Janitors	1,352.50
Superintendent	668.94
School Directors	14.75
Transportation	1,413.00
Fuel	1,477.45
Repairs	1,111.01
Supplies	880.52
Text Books	735.83
Electricity	162.30
Telephone	52.95
Insurance	277.62
Borrowed money repaid and interest	15,208.33
Labor	117.45
Miscellaneous	235.77
Grp. Accident Ins. withheld	59.32
Total	$ 35,559.75

SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Summary of Expenditures and Budgets

Item	1954-1955 Budget	1954-1955 Actual Exp.	1955-1956 Budget	1955-1956 Actual to Dec. 31, '55	1956-1957 Budget	Percent of Total
Teachers salaries	$ 26,450.00	$ 28,912.30	$ 27,000.00	$ 11,581.33	$ 30,000.00	64
Janitors salaries	2,800.00	2,870.00	2,900.00	1,352.50	2,800.00	6
School Directors	275.00	331.07	300.00	14.75	350.00	¾
Superintendent	1,350.00	1,329.00	1,400.00	668.94	1,400.00	3
Music	700.00	702.00	725.00	270.00	725.00	1½
Transportation	4,775.00	5,903.72	5,725.00	1,413.00	3,450.00	7
Fuel	3,000.00	3,503.60	3,000.00	1,477.45	3,500.00	7
Repairs	600.00	344.60	750.00	1,111.01	750.00	1½
Supplies	1,500.00	1,585.79	1,500.00	880.52	1,200.00	2½
Textbooks	700.00	560.16	700.00	735.83	700.00	1½
Electricity	600.00	546.15	600.00	162.30	600.00	1½
Telephone	125.00	122.00	125.00	52.95	125.00	
Insurance	550.00	366.73	535.00	277.62	535.00	1½
Labor	150.00	401.13	150.00	117.45	150.00	
Interest	200.00	495.53	150.00	208.33	200.00	
Special Tuition, handicapped					500.00	1¼
Miscellaneous		717.78	300.00	235.77	400.00	1
Total	$ 43,775.00	$ 46,467.10	$ 45,860.00	$ 35,559.75	$ 47,385.00	100%

SCHOOL DIRECTORS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
1956 - 1957

State Treasurer, School Aid	$ 15,280.00
State Treasurer, Vo.-Ag. Aid	725.00
Tuition	1,000.00
Roberts Fund	1,400.00
Lease Land Rents	50.00
Sale of paper	45.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
To be raised by Town taxes	28,835.00
Total	$ 47,385.00

SCHOOL DIRECTOR' REPORT
TO THE TAXPAYERS OF CHELSEA:

The Budget

The statistical report of the School Directors is given in summary form so that comparison may be made between the past years' budgets and actual expenditures, actual expenses of the present year to Dec. 31, 1955, and the proposed budget for the coming school year of 1956 - 1957.

In studying these figures it should be realized that most of the larger expenditures are pretty well established and cannot be lowered to much extent. Examples: teachers salaries, superintendent and janitor salaries, fuel, books, supplies, electricity, phone. Some other items may vary from year to year, but the overall trend is always up. For instance, repairs to the school plant may be expected to cost more as the building and equipment age.

A Look At The Past

Gross carelessness, bordering on vandalism, has cost the town considerable money in repairs and labor. One example: broken windows in the gymnasium, with a cost of glass and labor amounting to $197.75, or three cents of your school tax. Several exterior panels in the side of the gym have been smashed by automobiles and will need to be replaced at high cost. Wall panels on the stage, on stairways and in the side rooms of the gym have been kicked in and will need repair. From the treatment the gym receives one might assume that the town has little respect for its $35,000 memorial to Chelsea war veterans.

During the past year the gymnasium water system was renovated and repaired so that an adequate supply

should now be available.

A ceiling has been installed in the hot lunch room of the village school resulting in more sanitary conditions there.

Hot lunch programs at all three schools have been given some financial assistance at times of crises in those projects.

A new concrete step and entrance has been laid, and minor interior repairs made to the West Hill School.

Due to an overcrowed condition in the third and fourth grade room at the village school, a part time teacher was hired and the class split in the afternoon session. To relieve a similar situation at the No. 1 school, sixth grade pupils were brought to the village school.

A Look Ahead

Of immediate concern is the heating plant at the No. 1 school which may require major overhaul or complete replacement.

The ceiling in the high school assembly room has needed replacement for a number of years, but it has not seemed possible to budget money for this added expense.

For Your Decision

Your school directors have given many hours of study to the problems mentioned above and to the proposed budget for the coming year. They also have enlisted the advice of the town auditors, and others. On the expected expenditures a school tax of $4.47 will be required to raise the funds needed to balance the budget as presented here. However, by elimination of all transportation an estimated saving of $3,450 might be realized, thus reducing the tax by 53¢, making a total school tax of $3.94.

Again the School Board invites sound suggestions, or constructive criticism, for the improvement and economical operation of Chelsea's school system.

JAMES E. WILKINSON, JR.,
I. S. RUSHWORTH,
MARION BUTTON

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1955 and is part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and the four-teacher village elementary school were each maintained for 170 days. One hundred sixty-one pupils were enrolled. The average daily attendance was 154.03. The average cost per pupil for elementary school was $183.11. Fifty-one elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of $115.76.

The four-teacher, four-year senior high school was maintained for 175 days. There were sixty-six pupils, of whom fifty-eight were residents of the town. The average daily attendance of resident high school pupils was 53.02. The average cost per pupil in the high school was $298.39. The percentage of attendance in the elementary and in the high schools was 95.72.

One hundred sixty-seven different pupils attended the elementary school; 149 were promoted; 6 were promoted conditionally, six were not promoted, 5 transferred to other schools, and one dropped out of school. Sixty-seven different pupils attended the high school; fifty-three were promoted, two were promoted conditionally, three were not promoted, one transferred to another school, and eight dropped out of school.

The number of high school pupils is causing concern to the towns that maintain high schools as well as those that pay tuition. This increase is expected to continue. A recent interpretation of the law forbids the state to reimburse towns for any of the tuition for pupils who attend private schools. This will cause towns to receive forty dollars less rebate for each student enrolled in a private school. Some public high schools must be enlarged or new buildings built if tuition pupils continue to be accepted in large numbers. The Federal Government may with proposed legislation make outright grants of money for school construction costs to the states. The state now offers twenty-five percent of the cost of new construction for area high schools. If this aid should be increased to well above two-thirds the cost of building, this town as well as others in this

region may have to make a decision for or against such a school. Since the grade school rooms have become over-crowded and the high school has nearly reached maximum capacity, I recommend that the school directors and others help either as leaders or followers in any investigation of the needs for and benefits of an area high school.

I am grateful to the Woman's Club for sponsoring the school lunch program, and to other organizations, parents, teachers, and townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER, Superintendent of Schools

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT REPORT

Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Repaid money borrowed	$ 1,300.00
Interest paid	640.50
Total orders drawn	$ 1,940.50

JAMES B. WILKINSON, JR.

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1955 to Dec. 31, 1955

Receipts

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1955	$ 1,341.69
Town tax	1,603.00
Brookhaven Home, paid per trust deed	11.25
Total	$ 2,955.96

Disbursements

Orders Paid:	
Paid 1955 orders	$ 2,751.25
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 204.69

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer

Gymnasium Account Financial Statement

January 1, 1956

Assets

Cash on hand		$ 204.69

Liabilities

Notes Payable		
Jan. 1, 1955	$ 22,480.75	
Paid 1955	1,300.00	
Outstanding Order	480.75	
		20,700.00
Excess Liabilities over Assets		$ 20,495.31

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Births

Not received in time for 1954 report.

Sept. 8—Jo-ann Elizabeth Wilkinson, daughter to James E. Jr. and Betty Irene (Walker).

Nov. 11—Cynthia Ann Hatch, daughter to Willard Frederick and Doreen Nora (Morey).

Nov. 16—Dennis Irvin Bowen, son to Guy Wilfred and Esther Arlana (Bicknell).

Nov. 17—Wilma Dawn Gilman, daughter to Warren Sidney and Marion Leona (Parker).

1955

Jan. 1—Jacqueline Carol Buick, daughter to Alfred Joseph and Barbara Alice (Aiken).

Jan. 17—Harlie Henry Parker, son to Charles Ellis and Linda Nellie (Parker).

Feb. 13—Kevin Lee Burbank, daughter to Franklin Dearborn and Myrtle Grace (Roberts).

Mar. 7—Mary Ardis Fifield, daughter to Irving William and Eleanor Ardis (Eastman).

Mar. 8—Calvin Keith Archer, son to Richard Frederick and Beth Marie (Taylor).

Mar. 10—Forrest Daniel Sanborn, son to Forrest Milo and Elizabeth Madeline (Packnick).

Apr. 4—Clifton Daniel Lyford, son to Charles Lewis and Cintra (Darling).

Apr. 12—Roy Allan Hayward, son to John Moses and Edith Gertrude (Carey).

Apr. 17—Brian Arthur Hayward, son to Harold Frederick Jr. and Helen Blanche (Scott).

Apr. 27—Ronald Simon Allen, son to Lawrence Abed and Agnes Mary (Welch).

Apr. 27—Michael Paul Cahill, son to Francis Robert and Pauline Ineg (Morey).

June 12—Daniel William Mullen, son to Jeremiah Sullivan and Olive Esther (Danforth) of Tunbridge, Vt.

Deaths

Dec. 14—Ordway, Martha, age 66 yrs. (in Barre).

1955

Jan. 1—Royce, Edwin L., age 78 yrs. (in Randolph).

Feb. 8—Coburn, Gertrude, age 74 yrs. (in Barre).

Feb. 23—Densmore, George T., age 87 yrs. (in Barre).

Mar. 16—Keneson, Mary Lillian, age 87 yrs. (in Boscowen, N. H.).

Apr. 5—Edwards, Angiers, age 58 yrs. (in Burling-

ton).
Apr. 19—Tutherly, Gertrude (in Vancouver, Wash.)
Apr. 25—Sutton, Harley Forrest, age 64 yrs.
Apr. 29—Packnick, John S., age 41 yrs. (in Wilmington, Del.)
May 7—Maguire, Arlene Confrey, age 76 yrs. (in Springfield, Vt.)
June 2—George, Alfred, age 77 yrs. (in Hanover, N. H.)
June 15—Blanchard, Judy Marie, age 2 das. (in Barre).
July 2—Rigg, Carrie S., age 71 yrs. (in Hartford, Vt.)
July 29—Liese, Chauncey Charles, age 70 yrs.
Aug. 31—Lathrop, Emma Taylor, age 86 yrs. (in South Barre).
Sept. 3—Chaplin, Ransom R., age 76 yrs. (in Hartford, Vt.)
Sept. 18—Judd, Herbert Truman, age 78 yrs. (in Randolph).
Nov. 19—Sprague, Gertrude Bickford, age 95 yrs. (in Newport, Maine).
Nov. 21—Coburn, Barbara May, age 26 yrs.
Dec. 19—Roberts, Minnie, age 87 yrs. 11 mos. 1 da. (in Fort Edwards, New York).

Marriages 1955

Jan. 1—Button, George Lester of Chelsea, Vt. and Amy Beatrice Nichols of Barre, Vt.
Jan. 3—O'Donnell, Lawrence Alvah of West Fairlee, Vt. and Mariam Lou Beard of Chelsea, Vt.
Jan. 29—Lathrop, Lovell W. of Barre, Vt. and Jean L. Clark of Chelsea.
June 14—Erkelens, Henri Frederick of Sharon, Mass. and Marguerite Carlisle Jacques of Chelsea, Vt.
June 20—Densmore, Sabin Thomas Jr. of Chelsea and Phyllis Marie Taplin of No. Tunbridge, Vt.
June 25—Duprey, Eugene Harold of Northfield, Vt. and Bettylou Isabel Sanborn of Chelsea, Vt.
June 29—Kennedy, Roy Eugene of Chelsea and Margaret Ann Bicknell of Chelsea.
July 3—Campbell, Daniel Albert of Chelsea, Vt. and Eleanor Jeannette Royce of Chelsea.
July 22—Gomez, Ramon of Montpelier, Vt. and Joyce Alberta Coburn of Chelsea, Vt.
Aug. 12—McCullough, Maurice Gordon of Chelsea, Vt. and Beverly Jean Rogers of Tunbridge, Vt.
Dec. 26—Adams, Richard Harold of Bethel, Vt. and Martha Ann Lyon of Chelsea, Vt.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $200 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine blister rust.

18. To see if the Town will elect, or appoint, a committee to study the present school facilities in Chelsea, and to investigate and study the question of a union school district; and, if so, to see if the town will apporpriate a sum not to exceed $50.00 to cover necessary expenses of said committee.

19. To see if the Town will consent to an amendment of the Deed of Trust dated December 31, 1952, by which Sceva Speare, of Nashua, New Hampshire, conveyed to Brookhaven Home for Boys, Inc., of Chelsea, as Trustee, certain property in Chelsea, and by the terms of which Trust Deed, the Town of Chelsea is named as a residuary beneficiary under conditions set forth in said deed.

20. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxes buildings used and occupied exclusively as farm buildings, homes and dwelling houses whether for sale or rent, such buildings being constructed or put in the process of construction twelve months before or twelve months after April 1, 1956 and appraised by the listers in the grand list, exclusive of land, under $5,000.00, and, if so, the length of said exemption but not to exceed five years.

21. To see if the Town will vote to participate in the school lunch program.

22. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1956.

23. To see if the town will vote to continue the Revolving Medical Fund.

24. To see if the Town will authorize its selectmen to replace the town bulldozer.

25. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

26. To see if the Town will authorize the Auditors to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditors of Accounts to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town.

27. To see if the Town will instruct the selectmen to turn over the $900.00 received from the sale of No. 5 school house to the school district.

28. To transact any other proper business.

LYMAN J. FITTS,
MERLE G. COLBY,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
Selectmen.

Not official.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 6th day of March, A. D. 1956, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoint a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise to retire the debt on the school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will raise for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suitable marking of War Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. 47 as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1956, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed:

DAVID C. GILMAN,
F. RAY KEYSER, JR.,
VERNON N. HOOK,
Auditors

TOWN OFFICERS 1956 - 1957

Moderator		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk		Esther E. Smith
Treasurer		Esther E. Smith
Selectmen	Merle Colby	Term expires 1957
	George Edwards	Term expires 1958
	L. J. Fitts	Term expires 1959
Overseer of Poor		Walter L. Kennedy
Road Commissioner		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes		W. S. Gilman
Listers	Lawrence Allen	Term expires 1957
	Glenn Button	Term expires 1958
	Everett Spear	Term expires 1959
School Directors	Marion Button	Term expires 1957
	I. S. Rushworth	Term expires 1958
	Raymond Rogers	Term expires 1959
Auditors	Vernon Hook	Term expires 1957
	David C. Gilman	Term expires 1958
	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	Term expires 1959
1st Constable		Robert Burgess
Trustees of Public Money	Harry L. Hayward	Term expires 1957
	Will Rutz	Term expires 1958
	Lyman Sprague	Term expires 1959
Trustees of Public Library	David Stender	Term expires 1957
	Doris Hill	Term expires 1958
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1959
	Rachel Comstock	Term expires 1960
	O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Term expires 1961
Superintendent of Schools		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board		I. S. Rushworth
Town Grand Juror		John Bellefeuille
Town Agent		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber		W. S. Gilman
Fence Viewers	George P. Bradshaw,	Sabin T. Densmore
		David C. Gilman
Weigher of Coal		Henry F. Gates
Cemetery Comm.	Percy J. Heath	Term expires 1957
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1958
	E. Harold Colby	Term expires 1959
	Stanley C. Wilson	Term expires 1960
	Edward B. Hatch	Term expires 1961

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.

1956

Population 1,024, 1950 census, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highway 85.949, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 5,951.96
Polls, 429	429.00
	$ 6,380.96

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1952	$6,683.38	$7.50
1953	6,709.97	7.61
1954	6,426.79	7.60
1955	6,411.99	8.40
1956	6,380.96	8.60

Total Tax Raised

(School and Old Age Included)

1952	$51,475.74
1953	52,043.42
1954	50,147.19
1955	55,140.55
1956	54,877.30

TOWN ACCOUNT

Assets

(Real Estate and Personal Property not included)

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957		
General Town Account		$ 25,609.21
Snow Road Account		3,668.00
General Highway Account		103.91
Selected Highway Account		42.12
Equipment Account		4,891.53
		$ 34,314.77
Uncollected Taxes		3,763.19
U. S. War Bonds		50.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm		1,149.66
Sale of Blake property to Ralph Coburn	$ 600.00	
Paid	437.76	
		162.24
Accounts Receivable:		
Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer		15.00
Neil Olson, dog damage to poultry		26.25

Christie Grace, dog damage to poultry	26.25
Highland Cemetery Comm., int. on bond	2.50
Chelsea Womans Club, playground project	303.80
	$ 39,813.66

Liabilities

On notes at bank, Selectmen's Account	$ 43,000.00
Equipment Account	18,220.00
Outstanding orders	13,524.07
Owed to Town Clerk, license fees	2.25
	$ 74,746.32
Excess of liabilities over assets	$ 34,932.66

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

1950	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 5,731.48
1951	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 21,306.42
1952	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	15,280.42
1953	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	12,221.86
1954	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	11,226.49
1955	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	18,461.58
1956	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	34,932.66

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed per lister's appraisal)

Real Estate:		
Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00	
Garage	1,500.00	
Town Forest	50.00	
Town Hall	10,000.00	
Town Barn	50.00	
Black Hawk Property	500.00	
Goodwin Lot	500.00	
		$ 13,660.00
Dental Equipment	$ 400.00	
Office Equipment	1,100.00	
Town Hall Equipment	500.00	
Tools	100.00	
Grader, plows and equipment	12,000.00	
Sand Spreader	250.00	
Bulldozer	18,000.00	
		32,350.00
Material and Supplies:		
Wood at Town Hall	$ 250.00	
Oil, grease, fuel oil	100.00	
4,240 yds. crushed gravel	3,716.04	

Bridge plank	75.00	
Clutch and pressure plate Austin-Western grader	85.00	
Wood at Garage	25.00	
		4,251.04
		$ 50,261.04

Inventory of School Property

School Buildings:	
District No. 1	$ 1,000.00
District No. 2	4,000.00
District No. 9	1,000.00
Gymnasium	24,000.00
Agricultural Building	7,775.00
	$ 37,775.00
Equipment and furniture	500.00
Books and supplies	500.00
	$ 38,775.00

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956		$ 17,590.24
Tax Collector:		
1956 list	$ 54,317.30	
Delinquent list	3,624.76	
		57,942.06
Brookhaven Home per trust deed		180.00
State Treasurer, Highways:		
Unselected		20,158.79
Selected		7,263.87
State Aid		17,363.85
Winter maintenance		1,666.71
Refund, Revolving Medical Fund		64.40
Dog licenses, minus fees		412.75
Money hired		18,220.00
Interest on U. S. Bond		2.50
Rent of Town Hall		49.50
Lease land rent		64.07
Refunds to Overseer's Account		469.62
General town account from equipment		135.81
School, refund overpayment taxes		201.15
2nd Class license		37.50
Ralph Coburn, payment on Blake house		40.00

Town of Washington, plowing	180.50
Sale of chloride and dynamite	5.35
Commissioner of pay phone	6.91
Sale of welder	550.00
Old Colony Trust Co.	87.50
Crushed gravel, selected to general	1,488.00
Crushed gravel, unselected to general	1,488.00
Equipment Account:	
Private use of Bulldozer	316.50
Private use of Grader	63.00
Selected, use of equipment	409.20
Unselected, use of equipment	1,243.80
State Aid, use of equipment	133.50
Town, use of equipment	189.00
General, use of equipment	1,000.00
Snow Roads, use of equipment	3,647.00
Town Highway, $1.20 road tax	7,657.15
	$160,328.23

Disbursements

Paid Selectmen's Orders:	
General Account	$ 67,375.44
Snow Roads	3,372.42
State Aid	6,647.34
Selected	7,490.78
Unselected	11,632.97
Paid Road Commissioner's orders	8,225.31
Paid Overseer's orders	4,708.73
Equipment Account:	
Purchase of Bulldozer	14,450.00
Repairs and supplies	2,110.47
Total Disbursements	$126,013.46
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1956	34,314.77
	$160,328.23

Outstanding Orders

Dec. 22, 1956	
558—N. E. T. & T.	$ 18.00
561—Forest N. Reber	2.30
564—Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co.	204.75
Dec. 26, 1956	
566—A. W. Adams	603.40

Dec. 28, 1956		
572—Kenneth O'Donnell		42.00
574—Esther Smith		8.00
575—Alice M. Edwards		4.00
578—Eudah L. Kendall		4.00
579—Minnie Goodwin		4.00
581—W. S. Gilman		419.55
584—U. of Vt.		3.10
586—George P. Bradshaw		19.50
587—A. H. Bailey, P. M.		1.50
590—Alan McCullough		1.96
Dec. 31, 1956		
598—Dwight McCullough, Road Comm.		7,657.15
599—Guy Moxley, gravel		424.00
600—Dwight McCullough		84.00
596—Esther Smith, gym tax, 429 polls		55.77
597—Esther Smith, school tax, 4 polls		17.88
	$	9,574.86
Town Highway, General		
Dec. 31, 1956		
249—Dwight McCullough	$	14.16
250—Chelsea Job Press		2.70
251—Int. Revenue Service		3.90
252—Vt. Tax Dept.		.54
253—Vt. State Treas.		1.90
	$	23.20
Town Highway, Selected		
Dec. 31, 1956		
Director of Internal Revenue	$	17.00
Vt. State Treas.		3.06
Vt. State Treas.		22.06
	$	42.12
Snow Roads		
Dec. 11, 1956		
67—Guy Moxley	$	21.00
Dec. 31, 1956		
79—Esther Smith, Treas., use of grader		2,332.80
80—Esther Smith, Treas., use of equipment		1,069.20
81—Esther Smith, Treas, use of		

truck plow	245.00
	$ 3,668.00
Equipment Account	
Dec. 22, 1956	
56—Casellini-Venable Corp.	$ 28.33
57—Hill-Martin Corp.	1.75
Dec. 28, 1956	
58—Interstate Equipment	50.00
Dec. 31, 1956	
60—Esther Smith, Treas., Gen. Acct.	135.81
	$ 215.89
Total Oustanding Orders	$ 13,524.07

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1956

Investigation has revealed an error in the 1955 liabilities over assets. It should have been $18,461.58 instead of $10,297.80 as reported last year. This was an increase of $7,235.09 from 1954. New equipment and bridge construction amounted to more than $10,000 last year. About $3,200 was paid off by the 50 cent equipment tax in 1955.

This year's liabilities have risen $16,471.08 over the corrected figure for 1955. This amount can be explained by the following items:

New Bulldozer	$ 14,450.00
Stockpile of Crushed Gravel	3,700.00
Increased cost of Snow Roads (excluding use of Town equipment)	1,100.00
No. 5 Schoolhouse money to Gym Account	900.00
	$ 20,150.00

We have $4,000 in the equipment account which will be paid on the equipment note before Town Meeting. The $3,700 in the crushed gravel will be recovered when it is used on the roads. As you read this report we will owe the bank only about $1,200 more than we did a year ago.

It might be well to point out here that the Grand List has steadily decreased the past three years and in spite of an increasing Tax Rate, the total tax raised in 1956 was $263.25 less than in 1955. The increase in the Old Age Assistance Tax amounted to $768.60. This

left the Town with over $1,000 less than the previous year.

Unless we are faced with a still smaller Grand List in 1957, we see no need at this moment for an increase in the General Account tax.

MERLE G. COLBY,
GEORGE A. EDWARDS,
L. J. FITTS

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$ 1,629.99
Town Hall	1,322.47
Miscellaneous	2,181.53
Crushed Gravel	6,674.97
Bridges	287.24
Streets and Roads	9,204.04
School	28,724.04
Gym	1,735.37
Appropriations	1,200.00
Taxes paid	2,531.29
Notes repaid	13,000.00
Interest paid	1,725.80
Elections	120.00
Total	$ 70,336.74

Town Officers

O. Fay Allen, Town Officers bonds	$ 62.50
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector	648.35
B. C. Coburn, Lister	9.80
Vernon Hook, Auditor	34.00
F. Ray Keyser, Jr., Auditor (two years)	88.50
David Gilman, Auditor	47.00
Walter L. Kennedy, Overseer	100.00
Merle G. Colby, Selectman	169.06
L. J. Fitts, Selectman	60.76
Esther E. Smith, Town Clerk	36.99
Esther E. Smith, Town Treasurer	122.50
Esther E. Smith, 4th Lister	45.33
Glenn A. Button, Lister	68.00
Everett F. Spear, Lister	66.64
Lawrence O. Allen, Lister	70.56
	$ 1,629.99

Town Hall

Ernest C. Royce, janitor	$ 405.72

Robbins & Robbins, supplies	7.61
F. Ray and Ellen L. Keyser, water rent	18.00
Neal Felch, wood	40.00
Chelsea Lumber Co., wood	25.00
Kenneth O'Donnell, wood	76.00
Edward Paul, wood (applied on taxes)	30.00
Dave Blakeney, wood (applied on taxes)	45.00
Clayton Woodworth, wood	111.00
Robert Blake, wood	40.00
Dave Blakeney, wood	40.50
W. S. Gilman, wood	60.00
Stanley Hook, wood	18.00
Cecil Thompson, wood	30.00
Orlando Braman, labor	65.89
Fred Sanborn, labor	29.85
C. V. P. S., electricity	57.06
Henry Gates, labor	10.00
Henry Gates, kerosene	4.40
Flint Bros. Lumber Co., lumber	12.00
A. F. Sanborn & Son, repairs to furnace	12.01
F. Ray Keyser, insurance	41.60
O. Fay Allen, insurance	41.60
Merle G. Colby, insurance	83.20
E. H. Colby, supplies	12.89
Merle G. Colby, lumber	1.00
Chelsea Job Press, supplies	4.14
	$ 1,322.47

Miscellaneous

H. F. Gates, gas	$ 5.72
Interstate Equip. & Supplies Co., parts and supplies	23.09
Kennedy Garage, repairs grader	16.10
Wilson & Keyser, services and expenses 1955	175.50
Brighton Steel Co., snow fence and posts	161.63
Gulf Oil Corp., oil and grease, tractor and grader	90.90
A. H. Bailey, stamps	5.50
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	2.56
N. E. T. & T. Co., tel. in town hall	98.83
F. Ray Keyser, Jr., tax notices and postage	5.94
C. V. P. S., electricity, garage	30.30
Esther E. Smith, postage	9.99
Tuttle Stationery Co., 200 dog tags	17.00
A. F. Sanborn & Son, supplies	8.37
Nationwide Insurance Co., Workmens' Compensation	630.55
Chelsea Job Press, supplies	62.94

Chelsea Job Press, town reports	263.40
L. J. Fitts, mileage and expenses, bulldozer	8.50
L. J. Fitts, postage	1.33
L. A. Howe, M. D., reporting communicable deseases	3.75
B. D. Martin, M. D, reporting communicable deseases	5.75
Fred B. Sanborn, labor, commons	12.74
Kenneth McFarlane, labor, commons	21.00
Ernest Royce, labor	25.48
Patricia Reed, mowing Wiggins cemetery	10.00
Edwin Sanborn, mowing commons	84.00
George D. Lyford, labor	5.50
Thomas P. Dunleavy, examination	12.80
Orlando Braman, mowing old cemetery	6.37
A. C. Coburn, labor, dump	14.70
Elwin Kendall, labor, dump	8.82
Dwight McCullough, self, men and truck, dump	32.77
Maurice G. McCullough, labor, dump	8.82
Rita Edwards, painting signs	4.00
Alice B. Allen, dog damage to sheep	20.00
Frank A. Braman, dog damage to hens	30.00
Probate Court, committment, M. Magoon	29.50
Forrest N. Reber, fee and mileage, M. Magoon	2.30
Postage	16.53
W. S. Gilman, overpayment, taxes 1955	3.00
Fred B. Sanborn, old cemetery	22.05
Leon V. Stevens, care town clock	60.00
A. C. Coburn, garage	6.86
Stanley Hook, tree old cemetery	35.00
W. S. Gilman, taxes abated	69.33
Lawrence O. Allen, mowing cemeteries	6.86
E. H. Colby, supplies	5.45
	$ 2,181.53

Crushed Gravel

Allan H. McCullough, labor	$ 183.97
Dwight McCullough, self, truck and shovel	1,685.48
Maurice G. McCullough, labor	235.61
Charles R. McCullough, self and truck	508.66
A. W. Adams, crushing, bulldozing, men and truck	3,160.25
Guy Moxley, 7,120 yds. of gravel	712.00
Esther E. Smith, town treas., use of bulldozer	189.00
	$ 6,674.97

Bridges

Daniel A. Campbell, labor	$ 11.76

A. C. Coburn, labor		48.22
Walter Braman, labor		2.25
Alan H. McCullough, labor		1.96
Elwin Kendall, labor		21.56
Dwight McCullough, truck		4.00
James J. Nolan, labor		4.90
John Osmer, labor		4.90
Charles R. McCullough, self and truck		12.00
Harley A. Holt, bridge plank		130.27
Clifford Hartwell, bridge plank		16.25
E. H. Colby, spikes		17.17
Merle G. Colby, hauling planks		12.00
		$ 287.24

Streets and Roads

C. V. P. S., street lights		$ 335.50
The Chemical Corp., calcium chloride		351.20
Dwight McCullough, self and truck		40.15
Charles McCullough, self and truck		19.70
Maurice McCullough, labor		9.70
Alan McCullough, labor		9.70
Vt. State Treasurer, highway assessment		780.94
Dwight McCullough, road comm., $1.20 road tax		7,657.15
		$ 9,204.04

School

Esther E. Smith, treas., school tax		$ 28,724.04

Gym

Esther E. Smith, treas., sale No. 5 school house		$ 900.00
Esther E. Smith, treas., gym tax		835.37
		$ 1,735.37

Elections

Primary

Robert C. Burgess, labor and presiding officer	$ 12.00	
Ralph Coburn, ballot clerk	4.00	
Fannie S. Carr, ballot clerk	4.00	
Alice M. Edwards, ballot clerk	4.00	
Fred B. Sanborn, ballot clerk	4.00	
Helena Sargent, assisting clerk	4.00	
Eudah Kendall, assisting clerk	4.00	
Esther E. Smith, town clerk	8.00	
Chelsea Job Press, ballots	7.50	
		$ 51.50

General

Elmer Roberts, ballot clerk	$ 4.00	
Ernest Royce, labor	2.00	
Robert C. Burgess, presiding officer	8.00	
Esther E. Smith, town clerk	8.00	
Alice M. Edwards, ballot clerk	4.00	
Wallace P. Braman, ballot clerk	4.00	
Merrill L. Hayward, ballot clerk	4.00	
Eudah Kendall, assisting clerk	4.00	
Minnie Goodwin, assisting clerk	4.00	
Chelsea Job Press, ballots	26.50	
		68.50
		$ 120.00

Taxes Paid

Vt. State Treas., social security	$ 68.13
Vt. State Treas., withholding tax	5.66
Vt. State Treas., old age assistance tax	1,921.50
Director of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	34.40
E. H. Sargent, treas., county tax 3¢	193.65
University of Vt., lease land rent	3.10
Ernest H. Kennedy, treas., church lease land rent	39.00
George P. Bradshaw, treas., church lease land rent	19.50
Vt. Agricultural Extension Service	246.35
	$ 2,531.29

Appropriations

Manley Carpenter, chr., Memorial Day	$ 100.00
Doris L. Hill, treas., library	500.00
R. E. LaFieniere, blister rust control	96.00
M. W. O'Brien, blister rust control	104.00
Esther E. Smith, treas., highland cemetery	400.00
	$ 1,200.00

Notes Repaid

Orange County Branch Bank	$ 13,000.00

Interest

Orange County Branch Bank	$ 1,725.80

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Receipts

Town Highways:	
General	$ 1,000.00
Unselected	1,243.80
Selected	409.20
State Aid highways	133.50

Snow Roads	3,647.00
General Town Account	189.00
Bulldozing:	
Charles Burgess	36.00
Walter Kennedy	90.00
Archie McCullough	162.00
Robert Burgess	63.00
Henry Ladd	3.00
Bessie Foster	25.50
Money Borrowed	14,450.00
	$ 21,452.00
Orders drawn	16,776.36
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956	$ 4,675.64

Orders Drawn

Grader

Reynolds & Son, chains	$ 90.30	
Interstate Equipment Co., blades	99.88	
Interstate Equipment Co., parts	113.59	
State Equipment Co., parts	6.10	
Gulf Oil Corp., gear lube	17.25	
Dwight McCullough, use of welder	37.40	
Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co.	35.70	
Kennedy's Garage, gear lube	6.40	
H. F. Gates, gasoline	5.22	
Petrometal Industries, grader blades	165.15	
Petrometal Industries, grader chains	350.93	
Esther E. Smith, treas., to reimburse Gen. Account	39.19	
		$ 967.11

Grader (Labor)

Alan H. McCullough, chains	$ 59.49	
Maurice G. McCullough, chains	16.37	
Charles R. McCullough, chains	23.69	
Dwight McCullough	51.45	
Kennedy's Garage	3.00	
		154.00

Bulldozer

O. F. Allen, Jr., insurance	$ 93.07	
Dwight McCullough, use of welder on catapillar	40.70	
Hill Martin Corp., A. C. Bulldozer	14,450.00	
Hill Martin Corp., supplies	38.35	
		14,622.12

Bulldozer			
Bob Dubois, moving	$	54.50	
Kennedy's Garage, labor		8.50	
Dwight McCullough, operating on outside work		57.57	
			120.57
Taxes Paid			
Vt. State Treas.	$	5.37	
Director of Internal Revenue		1.60	
Vt. Tax Dept.		.19	
			7.16
Truck Plow			
Cesellini-Venable Corp., blades and bolts	$	76.30	
Casellini-Venable Corp., parts		28.33	
Interstate Equip. Co., used push frame		50.00	
			154.63
Truck Plow (Labor)			
Dwight McCullough	$	8.57	
Alan H. McCullough		2.15	
Charles McCullough		7.55	
			18.27
Miscellaneous			
Shell Oil Co., fuel, $58.56; $117.76; $61.05; $57.62; $58.40; $58.40; $61.60; $57.44	$	530.83	
Interstate Equip., welding rods		6.73	
Q. P. Mfg. Co., fuel		2.08	
Orange County Branch Bank, int. on equipment note		45.55	
Vt. Hardware Co., welding rods		7.75	
Gulf Oil Corp., antifreeze		26.04	
E. H. Colby, supplies		16.90	
Esther E. Smith, treas., to reimburse Gen. Acct.			
Oil and grease		90.90	
Gas		5.72	
			732.50
			$ 16,776.36

Equipment Notes

Notes Jan. 1, 1956	$ 3,770.00
Note June 4, 1956, bulldozer	14,450.00
Notes Dec. 31, 1956	$ 18,220.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highway system comprises 85.31 miles of roads, divided as follows: 8 miles "state aid" highway; 10.75 miles "state" highway; 66.56 miles of "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line. The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Roger's to the Arthur Bacon place, and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

Town Highway, General

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956	$ 28.85
Town tax $1.20	7,657.15
Brookhaven Home, paid per trust deed	54.00
	$ 7,740.00
Orders Drawn	7,659.29
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1957	$ 80.71

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 2,379.10
Charles McCullough, labor, man and truck	765.82
A. C. Coburn, labor	521.56
Lawrence Lyon, man and truck	734.40
Alan McCullough, labor	408.10
Maurice McCullough, labor	465.44
George Lyford, Sr., labor	4.90
Frank O'Brien, labor	44.10
George Griffin, Jr., labor	185.45
Harold Hayward, Jr., labor	75.46
John Hayward, labor	44.10
Elwin Kendall, labor	187.56
Harry O'Donnell, labor	44.00
Arthur O'Donnell, labor and truck	35.50
Kenneth O'Donnell, labor and team	36.00
W. S. Gilman, taxes Harry O'Donnell, Kenneth O'Donnell, George Griffin, Jr.	70.80
State Treasurer, Social Security	106.38
Internal Revenue Service, Fed. W. H. taxes	143.20

Vermont Tax Dept., State W. H. taxes	20.89
Blaktop, Inc., cold patch	16.58
Guy Moxley, 3,086 yds. gravel @ .10	308.60
Henry Gates, gasoline and kerosene	12.43
E. H. Colby, supplies	23.46
Chelsea Job Press, time sheets and cover	2.70
Dwight McCullough, telephone bill	14.16
George Lyford, Sr., dynamite and caps	3.60
O. Fay Allen, renewal of bond	5.00
Town Treasurer, use of grader and equipment	1,000.00
Total	$ 7,659.29

Town Highways — Unselected

Receipts

Sale of dynamite	$ 1.95
State Treasurer ($150.00 per mile)	10,404.84
Towns share (balance of cost)	242.15
	$ 10,650.34
Orders Drawn	$ 10,650.34

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, shovel and truck	$ 1,905.21
Maurice McCullough, labor	541.17
Alan McCullough, labor	256.56
Charles McCullough, man and truck	900.45
A. C. Coburn, labor	362.26
George Griffin, Jr., labor	34.28
Elwin Kendall, labor	196.52
John Osmer, labor	317.74
J. J. Nolan, labor	148.84
Vernon Hook, labor	77.00
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	395.85
Warren Whitney, man and truck	574.20
Arthur Beede, man and truck	404.55
Victor Duranleau, man and truck	291.60
Lawrence Lyon, man and truck	374.10
Carleton Rogers ,man and truck	34.80
Jack Kennedy, man and truck	34.80
Don Orr, man and truck	45.00
Donald Seaver, man and truck	78.30
Director Internal Revenue, Federal withholding tax	146.40
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax	23.33
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	99.64

Frank Bailey, 50 posts @ .25	12.50
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	272.34
Guy Moxley, 3,911 yds. gravel @ .10	391.10
Town Treas., 1,600 yds. crushed gravel @ .93	1,488.00
Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	1,243.80
	$ 10,650.34

Town Highway — Selected

Receipts

State Treasurer, 1¢ gas tax	$ 7,263.87
Towns share (balance cost)	269.03
	$ 7,532.90
Orders drawn	$ 7,532.90

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 794.99
Maurice McCullough, labor	274.16
Alan McCullough, labor	159.59
Charles McCullough, man and truck	569.85
A. C. Coburn, labor	296.32
John Osmer, labor	29.91
Kenneth Kennedy, labor	10.78
Warren Melendy, labor	10.78
Warren Whitney, man and truck	491.55
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	478.50
Donald Seaver, man and truck	365.40
Virgal Thomas, man and truck	282.75
Harry Londry, man and truck	361.05
Don Orr, man and truck	40.00
Richard Trask, man and truck	34.80
Dubois Construction Co., moving shovel	41.75
Brookfield Town Treas., loading 2,997 yds. gravel @ .15	449.55
Director Internal Revenue, Federal withholding tax	36.70
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax	6.11
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	42.40
E. B. Montgomery, 2,997 yds. gravel @ .10	299.70
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts and fittings	499.06
Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	409.20
Lawrence Bowen, 6 rolls wire and 10 lbs. nails	60.00
Town Treas., 1600 yds. crushed gravel @ .93	1,488.00
	$ 7,532.90

State Aid Highways

Receipts

Construction — Roads		
State Treasurer	$ 920.00	
Towns Share (balance cost)	1,724.47	
		$ 2,644.47
Maintenance — Roads		
Dust laying		
State Treasurer	$ 200.00	
Towns Share (balance cost)	230.45	
		430.45
Resurfacing		
State Treasurer (2/3)	$ 306.67	
Towns Share (1/3)	154.45	
		461.12
Total State Aid Highway Receipts		$ 3,536.04

Disbursements

Construction	$ 2,644.47
Maintenance:	
Dust Laying	430.45
Resurfacing	461.12
Total State Aid Highway Disbursements	$ 3,536.04

Summary of Orders Drawn

Construction Roads

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	$ 329.37
Charles McCullough, man and truck	319.09
Alan McCullough, labor	66.72
Maurice McCullough, labor	72.40
George Griffin, Jr., labor	42.73
A. C. Coburn, labor	55.02
Lawrence Lyon, man and truck	34.80
Wells Lamson Quarry, 130.35 T peastone @ $1.85	241.15
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., 2,496 gal. tarvia @ $0.2487	620.76
Director Internal Revenue, Federal withholding tax	14.00
Vt. State Treas., State withholding tax	2.09
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	13.36
Colonial Sand & Gravel Co., 87 T washed sand @ .75	65.25
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., 2,183 gal. asphat @ $0.1794	383.80
Vt. State Treas., labor and use of equipment	274.43

Town Treas., use of bulldozer and grader	109.50
	$ 2,644.47

Maintenance — Dust Laying

Dwight McCulough, man and truck	$ 30.15
Maurice McCullough, labor	9.70
Alan McCullough, labor	9.70
Charles McCullough, labor	9.70
Dwight McCullough, hauling chloride	10.00
Charles McCullough, hauling chloride	18.00
Calcium chloride	351.20
	$ 430.45

Maintenance — Resurfacing

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck and shovel	122.70
Maurice McCullough, labor	14.70
Alan McCullough, labor	12.94
Charles McCullough, man and truck	52.20
A. C. Coburn, labor	12.94
Warren Whitney, man and truck	52.20
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	52.20
Victor Duranleau, man and truck	45.00
Guy Moxley, 700 yds. gravel @ .10	70.00
Vt. State Treas., Social Security	2.24
Town Treasurer, use of grader	24.00
	$ 461.12

Snow Roads

Receipts

State Treasurer, Town Highways	$ 1,303.53
State Treasurer, State Aid Highways	363.18
Town of Washington	180.50
Towns Share (balance cost)	4,949.50
	$ 6,797.16
Orders Drawn	$ 6,797.16

Orders Drawn

Vt. State Treas., Social Security	$ 60.00
Alan H. McCulloug, labor	498.29
Dwight McCullough, labor	488.05
Charles R. McCullough, labor	46.63
A. C. Coburn, labor	189.24
Maurice G. McCullough, labor	226.70

Daniel A. Campbell, labor	10.78
Donald R. Maynard, labor	8.82
Merle G. Colby, labor	19.60
George F. Griffin, Jr., labor	8.82
Warren D. Melindy, labor	10.78
Director of Internal Revenue, F. W. T.	85.40
Vt. State Treas., S. W. T.	13.55
Dwight McCullough, shovel	28.75
Dwight McCullough, truck	329.55
Charles R. McCullough, truck	901.20
Wallace P. Braman, tractor loading snow	20.00
Merrill R. Whitney, plowing snow	25.00
W. S. Gilman,, tax collector, for Warren Hook taxes plowing road	29.00
Esther E. Smith, town treas., use of grader	2,332.80
Esther E. Smith, town treas., use of equipment	1,069.20
Esther E. Smith, town treas., use of truck plow	245.00
International Salt Co., salt	129.00
Guy Moxley, 210 yds. sand	21.00
	$ 6,797.16

OVERSEER'S REPORT

Total orders drawn		$ 4,574.35
Accounts repaid:		
By State of Vt.		
Alfred Buick	$ 179.50	
By Harold Berry Estate	50.00	
By George Chase Acct.	76.20	
By Jerry Cahill Acct.	22.50	
By Streeter, Snow Acct.	15.36	
Other Accounts	126.06	
Total		469.62
Net Expense to Town		$ 4,104.73

Orders Drawn

Dept. of Social Welfare	$ 952.56
George Dunbar	567.95
Harold Berry	601.05
Alfred Buick	568.13
Mattie J. S. Hart	673.51
Henry Charron	19.30
Charles Fitzhugh	93.13
Thelma Nolan	13.10

Bert and Cora Ashley	93.15
Raymond Plant	42.38
Lester Holmes	38.34
Clayton Woodworth	14.20
Dorothy Dukette	385.70
John Gardner	61.45
Frank Chandler	55.25
Warren Hook	22.33
Lawrence Carey	106.70
Julius Whitehurst	140.06
Other Accounts	126.06
Total	$ 4,574.35

1956 has seen somewhat lower costs in your Overseer account, but collections are not good and I do not anticipate any reduction for 1957. However, there are many accounts now in the process of reimbursement from other towns and from the State which cover expenses in 1956 and which will show up in the 1957 account. The Welfare Department expenses are lower in 1956 and should be reduced even further in 1957.

There is also a reimbursement from the estate of Harold Berry which will show in the 1957 accounting.

Families drawing Aid for Dependent Children during 1956 were Alma S. Dukette, Winnifred S. Paul, Evelyn Griffin, and Sylvia Miles.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Overseer

Revolving Medical Fund

No disbursements, $64.40 repaid to fund.

Due to the inactivity and indifference shown toward this account, I recommend the discontinuance of it. We have the same accounts that we had in 1955 with no effort to pay on the part of the following which are considered poor risks:

1952	John Garner	$ 14.50
1952	Elmer Pratt	33.00
1952	David Blakeney	31.40
1952	Lloyd Hill	33.00
1952	Linda Croft Parker	106.00

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Chairman

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 22 persons or families	$	773.51
Services of Board Members		40.00
	$	813.51

ROBERTS POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1956:		
In Checking Account	$	203.94
In Savings Account		208.91
Interest on Savings Account		8.33
Rec'd from Old Colony Trust Co.		790.00
Total Receipts	$	1,211.18

Disbursements

Paid orders drawn by Board	$	932.95
Balance Dec. 31, 1956:		
In Checking Account		120.99
In Savings Account		157.24
	$	1,211.18

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

Outstanding Order

No. 749 Dec. 12, 1956	$	5.00

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

Herbert Judd, Lot No. 4	$	200.00
Rachel Comstock, Lot No. 105		100.00
A. Edwards & Sons, Lot No. 171½		100.00
Eva Wilcox, Lot No. 38½		100.00
Hiram B. Jones, Lot No. 223		200.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

Orlando Braman, labor	$ 417.00		
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector for Orlando Braman	26.00		
		$	443.00
Eugene Duprey, labor			38.75
Ernest Royce, labor			27.50
Neil Kennedy, labor			14.75
Charles Burgess, labor			15.00
Fred B. Sanborn, labor and cash paid out			350.00
Esther E. Smith, town treas., refund, interest on Board of Trade Bond, received in error			2.50

J. F. Lamson, gravel		16.50
Kennedy's Garage, welding on gates		4.50
H. N. Sanborn & Son, paint		102.98
W. S. Gilman, cutting brush		12.00
Ralph Flint, hauling leaves		24.00
Chelsea Job Press, printing		13.00
Esther E. Smith		
Services as Treasurer	$ 20.00	
Cash paid for postage	3.00	
		23.00
E. H. Colby		
Services as Supt.	$ 35.00	
Supplies per bill	49.79	
Power mower	65.00	
		149.79
Total		$ 1,237.27

Treasurer's Cemetery Report

Receipts

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 262.26
Rec'd interest on U. S. Bonds and Bank acct.	655.24
Rec'd from individuals for care of lots	285.63
Town appropriations	400.00
From Hilas Robert Cemetery Fund	20.00
From Mrs. Grace Chapin, contribution to general fund	50.00
From Ralph Lyon, final payment on lot No. 159½	10.00
Merrill Bohonon, use of tomb	5.00
	$ 1,688.13

Disbursements

Paid orders	$ 1,327.24
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1956	$ 360.89

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

By the Auditors

Total Funds Jan. 1, 1956	$ 25,664.07
Interest accumulated in past year	45.98
Funds added per report	700.00
	$ 26,410.05
Funds are invested as follows:	
U. S. Bonds	$ 25,300.00
Savings Acct., O. C. Br. Bank	764.07

Savings Acct., int. accumulated past years	45.98
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.	300.00
	$ 26,410.05

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLAND CEMETERY

During 1956 the receipts were $1,425.87 ($1,688.13 as reported by Treasurer, less balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956, $262.26). Included in these receipts is a contribution of $50.00 from Mrs. Grace Chapin, to be used for general care of the cemetery and more specifically towards painting the archway and hearse house so-called.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Chapin for this contribution.

The total of orders drawn for 1956 was $1,237.27. Owing to the cold late spring it was not necessary to start mowing until a few days before Memorial Day. Consequently it was not possible to get over the entire cemetery before Memorial Day and for this we received some criticism.

Mowing is the main factor in keeping up the appearance of the cemetery, but any money that can be saved on mowing can be put to good use. This year we tried to catch up on filling sunken graves.

With the consent and cooperation of Hoyt E. Battey, the poplar trees on his land next to the east side of the cemetery were cut. This was done at no cost to the cemetery account by W. S. Gilman, he receiving his pay from sale of pulpwood and also by the Selectmen agreeing to take for wood, what was not suitable for pulpwood. This, eventually should eliminate the poplar sprouts which were becoming a nuisance in the cemetery. Three decayed maples in the cemetery and near the archway and tomb were also removed. The bushes and trees in the southeast corner of the cemetery were cleared away at a cost of $12.00.

The need for painting of the archway and hearse house had been seen for several years. This was accomplished this year, spurred on by Mrs. Chapin's contribution.

In the "Old" cemetery, the funds designated for use there were spent. In addition the Selectmen paid for two mowings at about the cost of one mowing with hand scythes. They also paid for the removal of willow

trees which were endangering headstones and the fence.

This is the second year that we have spent less than our receipts, thus replacing some of the working balance which had been depleted in previous years.

We recommend for 1957 an appropriation from the town of $400.00.

PERCY J. HEATH,
ESTHER E. SMITH,
E. HAROLD COLBY,
STANLEY C. WILSON,
EDWARD B. HATCH,
Commissioners

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in O. C. Branch Bank, Jan. 1, 1956	$	84.58
Interest on O. C. Branch Bank Savings Acct.		.57
Interest on Gov't Bonds		36.25
Interest on Trust Funds in Granite Savings Bank		14.06
5 Bonds Matured		500.00
Unknown persons donation		2.00
Mrs. A. W. Carpenter, care of lot		1.00
Mrs. Merrill L. Hayward, lot No. 29		10.00
	$	648.46

Paid LaFrancis for care of lots	$	50.00
Paid Johnson for mowing		5.00
Deposited Trust Fund, Granite Savings Bank		405.04
Balance in O. C. Branch Bank Dec. 31, 1956		187.42
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956		1.00
	$	648.46

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Jan. 1, 1956	$	2,300.00
Trust Fund Dec. 31, 1956 (no additions)	$	2,300.00
Trust Funds Invested as follows:		
U. S. Bonds	$	1,300.00
Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co.		900.00
O. C. Branch Bank, Chelsea		100.00
	$	2,300.00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund — $500.00

Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1956	$	23.14
Rec'd interest on savings acct.		.23
Rec'd interest on U. S. Bonds		12.50
	$	35.87
Disbursements for care of Roberts Lot		20.00
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1956	$	15.87

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund — $800.00

Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1956	$	39.38
Interest on savings acct.		1.00
Interest on U. S. Bond		20.00
	$	60.38
Paid for labor		5.50
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1956	$	54.88

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal of Fund — $500.00

Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1956	$	42.94
Interest on savings acct.		1.03
Interest on U. S. Bond		12.50
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1956	$	56.47

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This past year has been one that your trustees, patrons of the library and townspeople will not soon forget. From gifts of Dr. E. Ray Speare, of Newton, Mass., son of Alden Speare, the founder of our library, we installed an oil-fired automatic forced and filtered air heating plant. For the first time in the memory

of the chairman the library has been warm even on the coldest days of this very cold Winter. The new system permitted us to remove the old circulating heater and rearrange some of the stacks and the librarian's desk, giving us much more light and room.

Frank A. Ordway of Chelsea, presented the library with a beautiful leather trimmed mahogany end table and three-way electric table lamp which has been placed beside the easy chair which he gave to the library last Christmas, all in memory of his wife, Mrs. Martha Ordway, who served as trustee, secretary and treasurer for several years prior to her death in 1954.

Our librarian and assistants have worked hard and with the improvements above and the purchase of many new books these past few years we feel that our library is in a position to be of help to you all.

O. FAY ALLEN, JR.,
RACHEL COMSTOCK,
DORIS HILL,
ESTHER SMITH,
DAVID STENDER,
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

There were 296 books added to the collection, of these 90 were Adult Fiction; 86 were Adult Non-Fiction; 98 Juvenile Fiction and 22 Juvenile Non-Fiction. Circulation for the year was 7,445.

The Free Public Library Commission loaned us 538 books.

There were 85 gifts of books and several magazines, of these the Womens' Club Book Club presented 13. Books were given in memory of Mrs. Martha Ordway, Mrs. Cora Dexter and Miss Barbara Coburn.

Activities of the librarian, besides her usual duties, included speaking at an assembly of 3rd and 8th grades, a teachers' meeting and attending a one day Institute and the district meeting.

(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS,
Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance in Bank Jan. 1, 1956 (checking account)	$	33.49
Cash		9.69
Town Appropriation		500.00

Income from Roberts Fund	235.00	
Income from Braley Fund	23.62	
Income from Stow Fund	52.00	
Fines, discarded and lost books	19.30	
Woman's Club Book Club	20.97	
Gift from Eliza Alexander	10.00	
		$ 904.07

Expenditures

Librarian	$ 200.00	
Assistants	104.00	
Books	87.38	
Periodicals	60.72	
Library Supplies	17.15	
Fuel and servicing oil burner	178.87	
Janitor services and cleaning	116.00	
Insurance on contents of library	27.90	
Box rent and postage	7.00	
Miscellaneous	5.11	
		804.13
		$ 99.94
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956	$ 16.99	
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1956	82.95	
	$ 99.94	
		$ 904.07

E. RAY SPEARE LIBRARY

Special Fund

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1956	$ 1,418.25
Interest	21.00
Received special gift from E. Ray Speare	500.00
Transferred from Chelsea Public Library	.61
	$ 1,939.86
Disbursements	1,330.97
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956	$ 608.89

Summary of Disbursements

Books and periodical	$ 387.97
Supplies	39.15
Improvements	21.85
Furnace	767.25
Librarian	100.00

Miscellaneous		14.75
	$	1,330.97

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right

Cecil Thompson	$	10.00
Jesse Baldwin		6.02
David Novick		15.80
Total	$	31.82

Rent Due and Unpaid Dec. 31, 1956

Madeline Blackeney	$	11.16
David Blackeney		51.00
Total	$	62.16

Divison of Parsonage Right Rentals

United Church	$	39.00
West Hill Church		19.50
	$	58.50

Received for School Rentals

Clinton Burbank	$	4.50
Harold Camp		.50
Florence Burgess		1.50
E. H. Colby		.75
I. S. Rushworth		11.00
Percy J. Heath		4.75
Richard Kennedy		3.00
Flint Bros. Lumber Co.		6.25
Total (due school Dec. 31, 1956)	$	32.25

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

186 dogs were licensed, including a kennel license for 10 dogs, and after all but 9 fees were deducted, $412.75 was turned over to the Town Treasurer. There is an account payable of 9 fees totaling $2.25 to Esther E. Smith, Clerk.

MEMORIAL DAY FUND REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1956		$	4.04
Town appropriation			100.00
Total		$	104.04
Paid Out:			
Flags	$ 19.50		
War of 1812 Markers	34.45		

Postage	4.09	
Band	35.00	
Speaker	10.00	
		103.04
Balance Dec. 31, 1956	$	1.00

MANLEY CARPENTER,
Chairman

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Principal of Fund — $200.00

U. S. Bonds No. C 3099260 G and C 309959 G, Interest $5.00. Interest of $2.50 was received in April but was deposited by error in the Highland Cemetery Account, whose Commissioners will repay it to the General Town Account. The above bonds matured in October, 1956, so no interest was received at that time. The bonds will be cashed by the Town Treasurer and the money reinvested.

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our twenty-first annual report to the citizens of the Town of Chelsea on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1956.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained reasonably stable for some years. The number aided in the Totally and Permanently Disabled program has continued to increase. Old Age Assistance and Blind Assistance case loads have declined. The impact of the Social Security Insurance programs are a continuing factor in the reduction of case loads as an increasing number of our people attain a fully insured status. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	$ 19,344.00
Aid to the Blind	730.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	4,297.00
Aid to the Disabled	740.00

Committed Children**	1,045.67
Total	$ 26,156.67

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

* One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

** One-half paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF STATE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

During the year ending December 31, 1956, 89 visits were made in behalf of the residents of the Town of Chelsea. These visits were concerned with the communicable disease and preventive health services offered by the State Department of Health.

Among the services rendered were three infant and preschool conferences and two school health conferences with a total of 100 children receiving physical examinations; 10 children received Smallpox vaccination; and 27 children received Diphtheria-Tetanus-Whooping Cough immunization; and 32 children received Diphtheria-Tetanus immunization.

Salk polio vaccine clinics were held with 591 polio shots given. A total of 150 children have received the prescribed three shots. Salk vaccine is available at physicians' offices or at state sponsored clinics.

Under the communicable disease program, clinics were conducted for chest x-rays without cost to the individual. Referrals to this clinic are made to the public health nurse through the family physician.

The public health nurse assisted with referrals to state, voluntary, social, and health agencies.

The above programs were carried out through the interest and cooperation of physicians, nurses, official, and voluntary groups in the community.

The Public Health Nurse for the Town of Chelsea is: Mrs. Dorothy S. Brown, R. N., PHN District Office, Department of Health, State Office Bldg., Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,
MISS DORIS M. FISH, R. N.,
Supervisor,
Public Health Nursing

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES
Town of Chelsea, Vt.
January 1, 1957

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. GILMAN
Box 141
Chelsea, Vt.

BALANCE SHEET
January 1, 1957
W. S. Gilman, Collector of Taxes

Year Tax Assessed	Un-collected Jan. 1,'56	Collected in 1956	Abated Dec. 17,'56	Un-collected Jan. 1,'57
1952 Polls	$ 10.50	$	$	$ 10.50
1952 Prop.	42.00	42.00		
1953 Polls	42.44	21.22	10.61	10.61
1953 Prop.	313.22	218.12		95.10
1954 Polls	43.60	33.00		10.60
1954 Prop.	796.80	616.48		180.32
1955 Polls	419.95	317.35		102.60
1955 Prop.	3,014.44	2,365.98		648.46
1956 Polls 429	5,834.40	5,698.40	54.40	81.60
1956 Prop.	51,187.90	48,560.18	4.32	2,623.40
Totals	$61,705.25	57,872.73	69.33	3,763.19

Taxes Abated

1953	poll, Hazel Holmes	$ 10.61
1956	Don Battey and wife	27.20
	Lee Jones	13.60
	Willard Tresler	13.60
1956	Clyde Sanborn, assessed in error	4.32
		$ 69.33

DELINQUENT TAXES
January 1, 1957

Ackerman, Gertrude		
1956 Property	$ 2.15	
1955 Property	2.11	
1954 Property	1.90	
		$ 6.16
Austin, Irene and Ernest		
1956 Property	$ 105.78	
1955 Property	96.08	
		201.86

Bellefeuille, John and Shirley		
1956 Property	$ 126.85	
1955 Property	34.00	
		160.85
Blanchard, Arthur W.		
1955 Poll		11.40
Brock, Wilfred		
1954 Property		21.75
Brown, Harley and Dorothy		
1955 Polls		22.80
Densmore, Dan S.		
1956 Poll		13.60
Downing, Byron		
1952 Poll	$ 10.50	
1953 Poll	10.61	
		21.11
Carey, Lawrence		
1956 Property		4.32
Chelsea Lumber Co.		
1956 Property	$ 165.12	
1955 Property	151.20	
		316.32
Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M.		
1956 Property		43.00
Coburn, B. C., Est.		
1956 Property		60.20
Coburn, Ralph and Anna		
1956 Property		245.12
Crouse, Allen and Catherine		
1956 Property		107.93
Dickerman, Harold		
1956 Property		27.95
Durkee, George		
1956 Property		17.20
Druge, Walter E.		
1956 Property		108.79
Goodrich, Joseph and Mae		
1956 Property		102.77
Griffin, Evelyn		
1956 Property	$ 60.20	
1955 Property	30.80	
		91.00
Hayward, John and Edith		
1956 Property	$ 60.20	
1955 Property	58.80	
		119.00

Hill, Arthur and Catherine		
1956 Property	$ 51.60	
1955 Polls	27.20	
		78.80
Harrington, Raymond		
1955 Polls		22.80
Hutchinson, Clyde and Verle		
1956 Polls		27.20
Holmes, Lester		
1956 Property	$ 103.20	
1955 Property	26.40	
		129.60
Hook, Caroline and Stanley		
1956 Property		93.71
Johnson, Thomas B.		
1955 Property		90.30
Luce, Ernest		
1956 Property		29.24
Luce, Ernest and Harold		
1956 Property		30.12
Lyford, Herbert and Gertrude		
1956 Property		175.87
McKay, Adam		
1956 Property		344.00
Moulton, Raymond		
1956 Property		26.08
O'Donnell, Kenneth		
1956 Property		90.73
O'Donnell, Harry and Marion		
1954 Property	$ 116.67	
1953 Property	95.10	
		211.77
Parker, Chas. and Linda		
1956 Property		74.81
Parker, Robert and Jeanne		
1955 Polls		22.80
Paul, Edward and Winnie		
1956 Property	$ 55.04	
1955 Property	52.50	
1954 Property	40.00	
		147.54
Pratt, Elmer and Olive		
1956 Property		103.20
Plante, Raymond		
1956 Polls	$ 13.60	

1955 Polls	11.40	
1954 Polls	10.60	
		35.60
Rathburn, Mary J., heirs		
1956 Property		8.70
Renfrew, Josie (H. and H. Collins)		
1956 Property	$ 113.52	
1955 Property	106.27	
		219.79
Stone, William		
1955 Polls		11.40
Whipple, Winfred and Mabel		
1956 Property		86.00

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

During 1956 the fire department was called to three chimney fires within the fire district and to four chimney fires within the town but outside the fire district.

In previous reports, I have stressed the importance of water supply. In connection with this, there is a need for a portable pump that will pump water direct to a fire or relay it to the fire truck from brooks or ponds inaccessable to the truck.

At the Fire District meeting held January 14, 1957 it was voted to purchase such a portable pump, provided the town would appropriate or contract to pay not less than $500.00 to the Fire District.

The reason for this is that the portable pump is needed for use outside the Fire District much more than within it.

E. H. COLBY,
Fire Chief

Annual Report
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Town School District
Chelsea, Vermont

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT
July 1, 1955-June 30, 1956
Receipts

Receipts per Treasurer's Book	$ 66,611.01
Overdraft July 1, 1955	2,068.62
Total Receipts	$ 64,542.39
Orders drawn	62,021.32
Balance	$ 2,521.07

Reconciliation of Balance

Balance	$ 2,521.07
Outstanding orders	1,710.78
	$ 4,231.85

COMPARATIVE DEBT STATEMENT

Year Ending June 30:	
1952	$ 11,074.81
1953	11,496.86
1954	12,290.40
1955	10,277.96
1956	12,478.93

Summary of Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries	$ 24,004.59
State Teachers' Retirement	1,756.16
Director of Internal Revenue	2,996.81
Vermont Tax Dept.	521.00
Group Accident Ins. (withheld)	152.20
Superintendent	1,337.88
School Directors	403.75
Janitors	2,578.50
Transportation	3,363.80
Fuel	3,992.53
Repairs	1,765.43
Supplies	1,132.55
Text Books	826.18
Lights	491.88
Telephone	106.35
Insurance	280.38
Money Repaid and Interest	15,275.62
Labor	141.45
Social Security	83.60
Miscellaneous	810.66
	$ 62,021.32

ITEMIZED EXPENSES
July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1956
Village School

Teachers:		
David W. Shipp	($3,850.00)	$ 2,698.57
Frances B. Ladd	(2,650.00)	2,553.00
David Harvey	(2,700.00)	2,432.09
Willard Tressler	(3,700.00)	2,118.60
John Mocho	(3,700.00)	712.31
Elmer Roberts	(2,450.00)	2,088.79
Evelyn Tewksbury	(2,500.00)	2,028.36
Audrey Mowry	(2,500.00)	1,956.48
Norma Burbank	(1,100.00)	1,100.00
Ruth Conley	(2,750.00)	2,151.77
Substitute Teachers		220.00
		$ 20,059.89
Music Teachers:		
Arline Titus	$ 341.00	
Jean Fitts	281.00	
		622.00
Janitors:		
Harry Stender	$ 1,743.50	
Charles Burgess	400.00	
Clyde Lyon	400.00	
		2,543.50
Transportation:		
Vernon Hook	$ 739.00	
George Edwards	1,275.00	
Antoinette Taylor	510.00	
C. Thompson	58.80	
Basketball (Sch. Bd. Share)	15.00	
		2,597.80
Fuel:		
Gas	$ 133.00	
Oil	771.01	
Coal	2,657.55	
Wood	65.00	
		3,626.56
Electricity		401.40
Telephone		106.35
Total — Village School		$ 29,957.50

Meadowbrook School

Teacher:			
Bessie Stender	($2,100.00)		$ 1,547.93
Transportation:			
Vernon Hook		$ 680.00	
George Lyford		86.00	
			766.00
Fuel:			
Oil			258.97
Electricity			72.48
Repairs (Furnace Replacement)			490.75
Total — Meadowbrook School			$ 3,136.13

West Hill School

Teacher:		
Beatrice Coburn	($2,150.00)	$ 1,774.77
Fuel:		
Wood		107.00
Janitor, M. LaFrancis		35.00
Electricity		18.00
Total — West Hill School		$ 1,934.77

All Schools

(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$ 403.75
Superintendent (A. C. Parker)	1,337.88
State Teachers' Retirement	1,756.16
Director of Internal Revenue	2,996.81
Vermont Tax Dept.	520.94
Group Accident Ins., withheld	152.20
Repairs	1,274.68
Supplies	1,132.55
Text Books	826.18
Insurance	280.38
Money Repaid and Interest	15,275.62
Labor	141.45
Miscellaneous	810.66
Social Security	83.60
Total	$ 26,992.86

Summary

Village School	$ 29,952.50
Meadowbrook School	3,136.13
West Hill School	1,934.77
All Schools	26,992.86
Total	$ 62,021.26

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
School Year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956
Receipts

Town Tax	$ 26,796.51
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,280.77
State Treasurer, Vocational Education	
State Treasurer, Vocational Agricultural	1,775.95
State Treasurer, Vocational Equipment	78.67
County Treasurer, lease land rent	198.48
Old Colony Trust Company	1,495.00
Rent of Gymnasium	40.70
Money borrowed	20,000.00
Tuition	677.00
Refunds:	
Insurance	9.20
Telephone calls	15.62
Carl Fisher, Inc.	21.18
Education Music Bureau	28.60
David Shipp	4.00
Sales:	
Desks	107.00
Paper	42.33
Teachers, gift for purchase of projector	40.00
	$ 66,611.01
Less: Overdraft July 1, 1955	277.96
	$ 66,333.05

Disbursements

Orders Paid	$ 62,101.20
Balance on hand July 1, 1956	$ 4,231.85

Oustanding Orders June 30, 1956

No.			No.		
391	Bessie Stender	$ 147.72	411	C. V. P. S. Corp.	26.05
392	Beatrice Coburn	170.44	412	H. N. Sanborn	3.25
401	St. Teachers' Ret.	13.41	413	MacMillan Co.	1.65
402	Harry Stender	79.25	414	A. F. Sanborn Co.	93.36
404	A. C. Parker	111.49	415	Wm. Underhill	6.32
405	Vt. Tax Dept.	136.32	416	Commercial Course	6.05
406	Dir. Int. Rev.	256.60	417	So. Dakota Press	25.33
407	St. Treas.	22.80	418	Glenn Sanborn	3.20
408	Wash. Nat. Ins.	15.48	419	Tide Oil Co.	17.50
409	Wash. Coop.	90.48	420	St. Teachers' Ret.	474.58
410	N. E. T. & T. Co.	9.50		Total	$1,710.78

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Balance on hand	$ 4,231.85
Town School Tax	28,724.04
Brookhaven Home for Boys in lieu of taxes	201.15
State Treasurer, State Aid	15,851.27
State Treasurer, Vocational Agriculture	361.78
Money Borrowed	5,000.00
Town of Vershire, tuition	225.00
Him's and Her's Club, projector	37.00
	$ 54,632.09

Disbursements

Total orders paid	$ 43,289.80
Bank debit slip	25.00
Reimbursement, Town Overpayment, school tax	201.15
	$ 43,515.95
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1956	$ 11,116.14

Outstanding Orders Dec. 31, 1956

Order No.	Check No.	Date	Payee	Amount
	417	June 30, 1956	So. Dakota Press	$ 25.33
15	161	June 30, 1956	Int. Printers	14.45
19	220	Dec. 13, 1956	Francis Ladd	263.74
19	224	Dec. 13, 1956	Grace Colby	203.99
19	229	Dec. 13, 1956	H. Wm. Scott	20.00
20	233	Dec. 13, 1956	Nat'l Vo. Agr. Bk. Co.	4.00
20	237	Dec. 13, 1956	Wash. Nat'l Ins. Co.	16.42
21	242	Dec. 20, 1956	Harry Stender	91.90
21	243	Dec. 13, 1956	Nat'l Survey	3.00
21	244	Dec. 20, 1956	J. K. Miller, Jr.	141.00
21	245	Dec. 20, 1956	Twin-City Gas Co.	13.11
22	252	Dec. 31, 1956	Dir. Int. Rev.	296.85
22	253	Dec. 31, 1956	Vt. Tax Dept.	146.20
22	254	Dec. 31, 1956	Vt. State Treas.	25.00
22	255	Dec. 31, 1956	R. F. Billings	89.22
22	256	Dec. 31, 1956	O. F. Allen	44.80
22	257	Dec. 31, 1956	C. V. P. S. Corp.	40.45
22	258	Dec. 31, 1956	Holcomb Mfg. Co.	47.55
22	259	Dec. 31, 1956	Geo. Druge	5.50
22	260	Dec. 31, 1956	Vt. Hrdw. Co.	3.92
22	260	Dec. 31, 1956	Teachers' Ret.	622.47

23	Dec. 31, 1956	Town Treasurer	201.15
	Total		$ 2,320.05

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT
July 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

Teachers' Salaries	$ 10,750.13
State Teachers' Retirement System	622.47
Director of Internal Revenue	1,179.75
Vermont Tax Dept.	206.79
Janitors	1,278.30
Superintendent	710.56
Transportation	1,475.63
Fuel	1,086.00
Repairs	316.50
Supplies	1,606.82
Text Books	898.94
Electricity	128.70
Telephone	52.88
Insurance	244.78
Borrowed Money repaid and interest	20,206.25
Labor	45.25
Miscellaneous	*692.67
Group Accident Insurance withheld	45.40
Social Security	50.00
School Directors	31.53
Town, overpayment 1956 school tax	201.15
Total	$ 41,830.50

* Of this amount $622.79 was for special education to handicapped children.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
1957-1958

State Treasurer, School Aid	$ 16,930.00
State Treasurer, Vo.-Ag. Aid	725.00
Tuition	1,500.00
Roberts Fund	1,400.00
Lease Land Rents	50.00
Sale of Paper	45.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
To be raised by town taxes	32,662.00
	$ 53,362.00

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Summary of Expenditures and Budgets

	1955-56 Budget	1955-56 Actual	1956-57 Budget	1956-57 to Dec. 31, '56	1957-58 Budget	Percent of Total
Teachers' Salaries	$ 27,000.00	$ 28,808.70	$ 30,000.00	$ 12,648.54	$ 31,500.00	60
Janitors' Salaries	2,900.00	2,578.50	2,800.00	1,278.30	2,935.00	5
School Directors	300.00	403.75	350.00	31.53	450.00	½
Superintendent	1,400.00	1,337.88	1,400.00	710.56	1,700.00	3
Music	725.00	622.00	725.00	156.00	750.00	1½
Transportation	5,725.00	3,363.80	3,450.00	1,475.63	3,450.00	6½
Fuel	3,000.00	3,992.53	3,500.00	1,086.00	4,500.00	8
Repairs	750.00	1,765.43	750.00	316.50	1,500.00	3
Supplies	1,500.00	1,132.55	1,200.00	1,606.82	1,200.00	2
Text Books	700.00	826.18	700.00	898.94	700.00	1½
Electricity	600.00	491.88	600.00	128.70	600.00	1
Telephone	125.00	106.35	125.00	52.88	125.00	
Insurance	535.00	280.38	535.00	244.78	300.00	1
Labor	150.00	141.45	150.00	45.25	100.00	
Interest	150.00	208.33	200.00	206.25	250.00	1
Special Tuition Handicapped			500.00	622.79	650.00	1
Miscellaneous	300.00	810.66	400.00	69.88	400.00	1
Boiler Replacement					2,252.00	4
Total	$ 45,860.00	$ 47,021.26	$ 47,285.00	$ 21,830.50	$ 53,362.00	100

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

The statistical report of the School Directors is again given in summary form so that comparison may be made between the past years' budgets and actual expenditures, actual expenses of the present year to Dec. 31, 1956 and the proposed budget.

During the past year two major repair jobs had to be done. A new forced hot air, oil fired furnace was installed in Number 1 School and a new boiler was installed in the Village School. The old furnace at No. 1 was in very poor condition and had become dangeous, as well as inefficient, to operate. The boiler at the Village School cracked in one section and, although it was attempted, repairing could not be done. As this boiler was approximately 44 years old it was felt by your School Directors that it should be completely replaced.

The Vo-Ag. students, under the direction of Mr. Mocho, built a retaining fence along the south side of the gym which, it is hoped, will prevent any further damage to the paneling of the gym.

A special class for handicapped children was started in Chelsea this year. They are using one of the rooms in the gym and are being taught by Mrs. Katherine Whitney, under the direction of Mr. Houston of the State Dept. of Education.

In reference to the budget you will notice several increases. Minium salaries for teachers are expected to increase in view of legislation pending at Montpelier. Although this will increase the cost of teachers, a large portion will be paid by the State. The music budget amount was kept the same as 1956-1957 with the plan to spend about half on vocal music and one half on instrumental music. The price of fuel has been steadily increasing therefore an increase in the fuel budget was necessary.

The item of repairs was increased so that additional radiation could be put in the grade rooms in the Village School.

A Town tax of $5.10 will be necessary to meet expense for the year 1957-1958.

The School Board invites sound suggestions, or constructive criticism, for the improvement and eco-

nomical operation of the Chelsea School System.

MARIAN W. BUTTON,
I. S. RUSHWORTH,
R. R. ROGERS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1956, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

Two one-teacher schools and the four-teacher village elementary school were each maintained for 170 days. One hundred eighty-eight pupils were enrolled. The average daily attendance was 163.87. The average cost per pupil for elementary school was $185.65. Forty-eight elementary school pupils were transported at an average cost of $70.08.

The four-teacher, four-year senior high school was maintained for 175 days. There were sixty-five pupils, of whom five were non-residents. The average daily attendance of resident high school pupils was 56.42. The average cost per pupil in the high school was $272.38. The percentage of attendance in the elementary and in the high schools was 95.8.

One hundred eighty-eight different pupils attended the elementary school; one hundred sixty-two were promoted, eight were promoted conditionally, four were not promoted, and fourteen transferred to other schools. Sixty-five different pupils attended the high school; fifty-two were promoted, three were promoted conditionally, six were not promoted, and four dropped out of school.

I am grateful to the Woman's Club for sponsoring the school lunch program, and to other organizations, parents, teachers, and townspeople for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COURTNEY PARKER,
Superintendent of Schools

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT REPORT
Jan. 1, 1956 to Dec. 31, 1956

Paid on note at Bank	$ 900.00
Interest paid	303.75
	$ 1,203.75

I. S. RUSHWORTH,
Chairman

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1956	$ 204.69
Rec'd, Town of Chelsea, sale of No. 5 school	900.00
Rec'd, Town of Chelsea, property tax	779.60
Rec'd, Town of Chelsea, Poll tax	55.77
Rec'd, Brookhaven Home, paid per trust deed	5.85
Total	$ 1,945.91

Disbursements

Orders paid	$ 1,203.75
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1956	$ 742.16

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

Gymnasium Account Financial Statement
December 31, 1956

Assets

Bank Balance		$ 742.16

Liabilities

Note Payable, Jan. 1, 1956	$ 20,700.00	
Paid in 1956	900.00	
		19,800.00
Due Town of Chelsea, overpayment of taxes		5.85
Total Liabilities		$ 19,805.85
Excess of Liabilities over Assets		$ 19,063.69

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE BLISTER RUST CONTROL WORK

Town of Chelsea, Vermont

1956

At the annual town meeting on March 6, 1956 the voters of Chelsea approved an appropriation of $200.00 of town money to be used in cooperation with funds from the Vermont Forest Service and the U. S. Forest Service for the control of the white pine blister rust disease in the town.

This money, with matching state and federal funds, was spent for labor in the eradication of currant and gooseberry bushes during the period July 2 to 20, 1956.

Following is a summary of the work:

Total area eradicated of currants and gosseberries	1,163 acres
White Pine proteceted	329 acres
Number wild currants and gooseberries removed	2,221
Town expense for labor	$200.00
State and federal expense for labor	$212.80

State and federal expenses for transportation, equipment, supervision and mapping are not included above.

The blister rust disease is controlled by eliminating currant and gooseberry bushes within infecting range of white pine stands. This range varies from 900 feet in open lands to about 200 feet in thickly wooded areas. 56 percent of the control area of Chelsea was covered in 1956. If the work can be continued in 1957 the remaining pine stands in the town will be protected.

State and federal funds will again be available for blister rust control in 1957, but only in cooperation with town money. 120 Vermont towns have cooperated during the past 14 years. It is therefor recommended that another appropriation of $200.00 be made by the town in 1957 so that this work may be completed.

HUNTLEY PALMER,
District Leader

St. Johnsbury, Vt.
December 10, 1956

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Deaths

Omitted from 1955 Report

Feb. 10—Mathers, George Arthur, age 54 yrs.
Mar. 24—Beckwith, Walter Henry, age 81 yrs.
Apr. 1—Sanborn, Archie Forrest, age 66 yrs.

1956

Jan. 12—Helen E. Thorne, 73 yrs. in Barre.
Jan. 23—George Griffin, age 70 yrs. in Barre.
Feb. 28—Berthold C. Coburn, age 57 yrs.
Mar. 21—Mary Dutton Ordway, age 90 yrs. in South Barre.
Mar. 22—Parker Burbank, age 77 yrs. in Waterbury.
Apr. 5—Cora M. Dexter, age 87 yr. in Randolph.
Apr. 11—Harold Berry, age 68 yrs. in Barre.
May 27—Mary E. Hartley, age 87 yrs., in Barrington, R. I.
May 18—Anna Alexander, age 57 yrs. in Barre.
June 2—Bessie Mae Slack, age 77 yrs.
May 28—William H. Cook, age 70 yrs. in Manchester, N. H.
June 24—Sidney Ralph O'Donnell, age 22 yrs.
Oct. 30—Walter Edward Druge, age 77 yrs.
Nov. 4—Willis Julian Holmes, age 23 yrs. in Randolph.
Nov. 20—Emma Mable Ladd, age 81 yrs.
Dec. 6—Edalena Mandana Boardman, age 68 yrs. in Montpelier.

Marriages — 1956

Feb. 14—Artie Oliver Blanchard and Carrie Elda Metcalf, both of Chelsea, Vt.
Feb. 19—Robert L. Rowe of Chelsea, Vt., and Joyce M. Palmer of Waitsfield, Vt. at Waitsfield.
Feb. 21—Lawrence Glen Kennedy of Chelsea, Vt. and Lorraine Harriet Hayward of Corinth, Vt.
Apr. 22—Donald Everett Blanchard of Chelsea, Vt. and Germaine Mae Small of Laconia, N. H.
May 5—Herbert Alton Flint of Barre, Vt. and Shirley Agnes Wood of Vershire, Vt.
June 21—George Daniel Lyford and Goldie Magoon, both of Chelsea, Vt.
June 23—Carl James Kennedy of Barre, Vt. and Cora Ann Melvin of Chelsea, Vt.
June 17—Lee Densmore Jones of Chelsea, Vt. and Sharlene Nancy Adams of Bethel, Vt., at Bethel, Vt.

July 14—Maurice Francis Sweeney of Morrisville, Vt. and Dorothy Ann Dukett of Chelsea, Vt.
Aug. 1—John Bernard Rogue of Grand Isle, Vt., and Winifred Jewell Hight of Chelsea, Vt.
Aug. 30—Arthur B. Carr of Concord, Vt. and Fannie Slack Beckwith of Chelsea, Vt.
Sept. 8—James Glen O'Donnell of Vershire, Vt. and Katherine Hope Morey of Chelsea, Vt.
Oct. 6—Raymond Paronto Metcalf and Wilma Ann Eddy, both of Chelsea, Vt.
Sept. 25—Stanley H. Peck of Roxbury, Vt. and Elizabeth A. Sprague of Chelsea, Vt. at Chelsea, Vt.
Oct. 27—William C. Royce of Washington, Vt. and Patricia L. Melvin of Chelsea, Vt.
Oct. 6—Rufus K. Royce of Washington, Vt. and Nancy A. Kennedy of Chelsea, Vt. at Chelsea, Vt.
Nov. 17—Merrill Lyman Hayward and Bertha May Eastman both of Chelsea, Vt.
Dec. 15—Donald Martin Anderson and Alice Logan MacLaren both of Trenton, N. J.
Dec. 8—Kenneth John Walker of Chelsea, Vt. and Sylvia Elaine Durkee of Sharon, Vt.
Nov. 13—Wayne Morris Doyle of Chelsea, Vt. and Loretta Williams Snyder of Hartford, Conn. at Hartford, Conn.
Dec. 8—James Burbank of Chelsea, Vt. and Elsie Nelson of Vershire, Vt. at Vershire, Vt.
15 licenses sold here
6 certificates returned here

Births
1956

Jan. 6—Wayne Alden Ladd, son to Guy Henry Ladd and Uda Reba (Boardman).
Apr. 8—Robert William Fifield, son to Irving William Fifield and Eleanor Ardis (Eastman).
Oct. 8—Michele Jean Smith, daughter to Eugene Paul Smith and Sarah Ann (Congdon).

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $200 to be used in cooperation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine blister rust.

18. To see what action the Town will take on the report of the School Study Committee.

19. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxes buildings used and occupied exclusively as farm buildings, homes and dwelling houses whether for sale or rent, such buildings being constructed or put in the process of construction twelve months before or twelve months after April 1, 1957 and appraised by the listers in the grand list, exclusive of land, under $5,000.00, and, if so, the length of said exemption but not to exceed five years.

20. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1957.

21. To see if the town will vote to continue the Revolving Medical Fund.

22. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

23. To transact any other proper business.

MERLE G. COLBY,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
LYMAN J. FITTS,
Selectmen.

Not official.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, A. D. 1957, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoint a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise to retire the debt on the school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will raise for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suitable marking of War Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Town of

Chelsea, Vermont

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1957

VERMONT STATUTES 1947

Qualifications of Voter in Town Meeting, Section 3499

A male or female citizen, twenty-one years of age, who has taken the Freeman's Oath, and whose List, including Poll, is taken in Town at the annual assessment preceding a Town Meeting, and whose Poll and Old Age Assistance Taxes due such Town were paid prior to January 1st, preceding such Town Meeting, or who has attained the age of twenty-one years subsequent to the last annual assessment and resided in the Town since April 1st, last preceding, or who is exempt from taxation for any cause, shall be a voter in Town Meeting while residing in such Town.

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Town of

Chelsea, Vermont

1957

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Bring this Report to Town Meeting

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 3593, V. S. 47, as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, examined the accounts and records of town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the town on December 31, 1957, and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Signed:
DAVID C. GILMAN,
F. RAY KEYSER, JR.,
VERNON N. HOOK,
Auditors

TOWN OFFICERS 1957 - 1958

Moderator		F. Ray Keyser
Town Clerk		Esther E. Smith
Treasurer		Esther E. Smith
	George Edwards	Term expires 1958
Selectmen	L. J. Fitts	Term expires 1959
	Arthur Button	Term expires 1960
Overseer of Poor		Walter L. Kennedy
Road Commissioner		Dwight McCullough
Collector of Taxes		W. S. Gilman
	Glenn Button	Term expires 1958
Listers	Everett Spear	Term expires 1959
	E. Harold Colby	Term expires 1960
	I. S. Rushworth	Term expires 1958
School Directors	Raymond Rogers	Term expires 1959
	Gordon Farr	Term expires 1960
	David C. Gilman	Term expires 1958
Auditors	F. Ray Keyser, Jr.	Term expires 1959
	Vernon Hook	Term expires 1960
Ist. Constable		Robert Burgess
Trustees of Public	Will Rutz	Term expires 1958
Money	Lyman Sprague	Term expires 1959
	Harry L. Hayward	Term expires 1960
	Doris Hill	Term expires 1958
Trustees of Public	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1959
Library	Rachel Comstock	Term expires 1960
	O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Term expires 1961
	David Stender	Term expires 1962
Superintendent of Schools		A. C. Parker
Clerk of School Board		I. S. Rushworth
Town Grand Juror		Hollister Martin
Town Agent		O. Fay Allen, Jr.
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber		W. S. Gilman
Fence Viewers	George P. Bradshaw,	Sabin T. Densmore
		David C. Gilman
Weigher of Coal		Henry F. Gates
	Esther E. Smith	Term expires 1958
	E. Harold Colby	Term expires 1959
Cemetery Comm.	Stanley C. Wilson	Term expires 1960
	Edward B. Hatch	Term expires 1961
	Percy J. Heath	Term expires 1962

TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT.

1957

Population 1,024, 1950 census, Area 23,818 acres, Altitude 840 feet. Miles of highway 85.949, of which 10 miles is State Highway.

Real and Personal Grand List	$ 5,880.42
Polls, 417	417.00
	$ 6,297.42

Comparative Statements

Year	Grand List	Tax Rate
1953	$ 6,709.97	$7.61
1954	6,426.79	7.60
1955	6,411.99	8.40
1956	6,380.96	8.60
1957	6,297.42	9.40

Total Tax Raised

(School and Old Age Included)

1953	$ 52,043.42
1954	50,147.19
1955	55,140.55
1956	57,022.30
1957	61,281.80

TOWN ACCOUNT

Assets

(Real Estate and Personal Property not included)

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957:	
General Town Account	$ 11,236.50
General Highway Account	3.11
Equipment Account	(3,669.93)
	$ 7,569.68
Uncollected Taxes	3,129.66
Savings Account No. 3157 (sale of cannon)	50.00
Demand note secured by mortgage on Edward Paul's home farm	1,149.66
Accounts Receivable:	
Bert Lyford, use of bulldozer	15.00
Neil Olson, dog damage	26.25
State of Vermont, S. A. No. 26	2,967.44
Leslie Smith Constr. Co., use of equip.	748.80
	$ 15,656.49

Liabilities

On notes at Bank:	
Selectmen's Account	$ 38,000.00
Equipment Account	11,000.00
Owed Town Treasurer	1.98
	$ 49,001.98
Excess, liabilities over assets	$ 33,345.49

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

1951	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$ 21,306.42
1952	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	15,280.42
1953	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	12,221.86
1954	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	11,226.49
1955	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	18,461.58
1956	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	34,779.66
1957	Excess of Liabilities over Assets	33,345.49

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1957	$ 34,314.77
Tax Collector, 1957 list	58,926.11
Tax Collector, delinquent list	2,989.22
General Account receipts	19,623.80
State Aid receipts	4,395.51
Unselected Highway receipts	16,842.95
Overseer's Refunds	4,445.72
Equipment Account receipts	3,395.95
Winter Roads receipts	1,789.78
General Highway receipts	184.29
Total	$146,908.10

Disbursements

Selectmen's Orders:	
General Account	$ 79,514.04
Winter Roads	6,758.24
Selected Highway	42.12
Unselected Highway	16,876.83
State Aid Highway	9,159.33
Road Commissioner's Orders	7,841.99
Overseer's Orders	7,188.46
Equipment Account Orders	11,957.41
Total Disbursements	$139,338.42

Bal. Dec. 31, 1957	7,569.68
	$146,908.10

SELECTMEN'S REPORT — 1957

We have had very little expenses on bridges this year and have been able to reduce $1,434.00 on indebtedness. As far as it is possible to predict, we are confident that a continuation of last year's tax rates will be sufficient for current expenses.

G. A. EDWARDS,
L. J. FITTS,
A. C. BUTTON.

GENERAL TOWN ACCOUNT

Receipts

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1957	$ 16,034.35
Taxes, 1957 list	58,926.11
Taxes, delinquent list	2,989.22
Dog licenses	383.75
Revolving medical refund	10.00
Lease land rent	79.25
Money hired	17,000.00
Ralph Coburn, Blake house	162.24
Gym Account, overpayment of tax	5.85
Old Colony Trust Co., lights and sidewalks	80.00
Interest on Board of Trade bonds	2.50
Equipment Account, refund on interest	273.30
Fred Dickinson, 2nd class license	37.50
Equipment Account, refund	110.86
Esther Smith, S. S. adjustment	61.98
O. C. Branch Bank, refund of interest	4.00
Chelsea Woman's Club, playground	313.30
Highland Cemetery, interest rec'd. in error	2.50
Cristie Grace, dog damage	26.25
Dwight McCullough, dynamite	1.50
Brookhaven Home, per trust deed	423.00
Rent of Town Hall	20.00
New England Tel. & Tel., com. on pay phone	25.92
Crushed gravel	599.00
Town Reports, refund	1.10
Total	$ 97,573.48

Disbursements

Selectmen's Orders Drawn	$ 69,939.18
Overseer, net expense	2,742.74
Road Commissioner, $1.20 tax	7,556.90
Winter Roads, Town's share	1,300.46
Unselected Highway, Town's share	33.88
State Aid, Town's share	1,054.52
State Aid, Lucas bridge	3,709.30
Total	$ 86,336.98
Bal. Dec. 31, 1957	11,236.50
	$ 97,573.48

GENERAL ACCOUNT — ORDERS

Summary of Orders Drawn

Town Officers	$ 1,741.19
Town Hall	1,246.23
Bridges	457.31
Miscellaneous	2,254.49
Commons	151.21
Streets and Roads	1,183.72
School and Gym	33,931.95
Taxes Paid	3,172.65
Appropriations	1,946.79
Notes Repaid	22,000.00
Interest	1,853.64
Total	$ 69,939.18

Town Officers

O. Fay Allen, Jr., Town Officers' bond	$ 62.50
Vernon Hook, Auditor	42.50
David Gilman, Auditor	52.00
Everett Spear, Lister	104.70
Glen Button, Lister	63.92
E. H. Colby, Lister	171.06
Walter Kennedy, Overseer	100.00
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector and postage	617.75
Merle Colby, Selectman	58.65
George Edwards, Selectman 1956	24.50
L. J. Fitts, Selectman	126.58
George Edwards, Selectman	39.10
Arthur Button, Selectman	24.44

Esther E. Smith, Town Clerk		125.21
Esther E. Smith, Town Treasurer		128.28
	$	1,741.19

Town Hall and Clerk's Office

Ernest Royce, janitor	$	324.43
Leon Stevens, janitor		83.81
F. Ray and Ellen Keyser, water rent		6.00
C. V. P. S., electricity		143.20
Kenneth Blanchard, cleaning grounds		2.93
Robert Blake, wood		55.00
Danny Campbell, wood		120.00
Stanley Hook, wood		35.00
Cecil Thompson, wood		10.00
W. S. Gilman, wood		100.00
Dean Gilman, wood		60.00
Harold Hayward, Sr., wood		20.00
Vermont Mutual Insurance, fire insurance		83.20
N. E. Tel. & Tel., telephone		85.80
Danny Campbell, hauling rubbish		2.00
Merle Colby, fire insurance		83.20
Supplies and repairs		31.66
	$	1,246.23

Bridges

Alan McCullough, labor	$	13.98
Dwight McCullough, use of truck		9.75
A. C. Coburn, labor and use of truck		59.68
Ralph Grant, bridge rail		20.48
Sherman Cochran, posts		16.00
Al Boardman, labor		19.35
Kenneth Kennedy, labor		36.56
Ralph Grant, bridge plank		41.28
Cecil Densmore, labor		31.19
Wendell Dennison, labor		18.28
Petrometal Industries Co., bridge signs		190.76
	$	457.31

Miscellaneous

Nationwide Insurance, workmen's compensation	$	375.88
Wilson & Keyser, services		196.38
Tuttle Stationery, supplies		278.72

Esther Smith, Treas., bulldozer at dump	108.00
Chelsea Job Press, Town Reports	260.40
Chelsea Job Press, supplies and warrants	80.14
Leon Stevens, care of town clock	60.00
W. S. Gilman, land damage, to apply on Harry O'Donnell's taxes	100.00
Mattoon Fire	159.49
W. S. Gilman, taxes abated	135.51
E. H. Colby, supplies	30.04
Harley Ladd, building fence	4.89
Max Hayward, sharpening lawn mower	1.95
Vt. Institutional Industries	18.98
Harry O'Donnell, mowing Wiggins Cemetery	14.66
Fred Sanborn, labor, Old Cemetery	48.85
Stanley Hook, labor, Old Cemetery	1.95
Orlando Braman, labor, Old Cemetery	29.59
Kennedy's Garage, wrecker, Old Cemetery	19.50
Dr. Martin, reporting diseases	1.50
Kennedy's Garage, work on trailer	81.21
Parts and supplies for trailer, registration	40.00
F. Ray Keyser, Jr., Ins. on garage, barn, storehouse	86.80
Cecil Densmore, labor at dump	15.06
Kenneth Kennedy, labor at dump	15.06
Supplies, postage, etc.	16.79
Esther Smith, Treas., adjustment of S. S.	15.00
Alan McCullough, labor at barn	8.60
Wendell Dennison, labor at barn	8.60
Dr. Dunleavy, examination and mileage	13.04
L. T. Henderson, expense and mileage	13.80
O. C. Branch Bank, box and checks	11.10
Philip Colby, damage to hens	3.00
	$ 2,254.49

Commons

Robert Sanborn, mowing	$ 88.38
Alfred Boardman, labor	2.93
Fred Sanborn, labor	11.73
Kenneth Blanchard, labor	10.26
Ernest Royce, labor	27.94
A. C. Coburn, labor	1.47
Kenneth McFarlane, hauling	8.50
	$ 151.21

Streets and Roads

C. V. P. S., street lights	$ 366.00
Dwight McCullough, time sheets	12.22
Merle Colby, time sheets	21.99
Vt. State Treasurer, highway assessment	771.78
A. C. Coburn, care of bridge lights	11.73
	$ 1,183.72

School and Gym

Esther E. Smith, Treas., school tax	$ 32,116.84
School share from Brookhaven	229.50
Esther E. Smith, Treas., gym tax	1,574.36
Gym share from Brookhaven	11.25
	$ 33,931.95

Taxes Paid

Director Internal Revenue, F. W. T.	$ 244.10
Vt. State Treasurer, S. W. T.	1.78
Vt. State Treasurer, S. S.	433.47
Vt. Agricultural Extension Service	240.75
E. H. Sargent, Treas., county tax	318.95
Vt. State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance	1,876.50
University of Vermont, lease land rent	3.10
Road Commissioner, share from Brookhaven	54.00
	$ 3,172.65

Appropriations

Manley Carpenter, Decoration Day	$ 100.00
Doris Hill, Treasurer, Library	500.00
School Study Group, expenses	27.73
Gorham Fire Equip. Co., sirens	644.06
Kennedy's Garage, steel for tower on fire station	75.00
E. H. Palmer, pine blister rust control	200.00
Esther Smith, Treas., Highland Cemetery	400.00
	$ 1,946.79

Notes Repaid

Orange County Branch Bank	$ 7,000.00
Orange County Branch Bank	15,000.00
	$ 22,000.00

Interest

Orange County Branch Bank	$ 1,844.58
In error of School Orders	9.06
	$ 1,853.64

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our town highway system comprises 85.31 miles of roads, divided as follows: 8 miles "state aid" highway; 10.75 miles "state" highway; 66.56 miles of "town" highway.

The state highway consists of the highway from Tunbridge Town line to the Washington Town line and from the junction at the Bank Block to the Vershire line. The State Aid Highways are the roads from Densmore's corner to the Brookfield Town line above Irving Hood's, and from the junction near Raymond Roger's to the Arthur Bacon place, and from the Strafford bridge to the Tunbridge Town line on the Strafford road. The balance are Town Highways.

Town Highway, General

Dwight McCullough, Road Commissioner

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1957	$ 80.71
Town tax $1.20	7,556.90
Brookhaven Home, paid per trust deed	54.00
Harold Ordway	45.10
Mrs. Foster	19.59
Leland Jordan	65.60
	$ 7,821.90
Orders Drawn	7,818.79
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1958	$ 3.11

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck, shovel and chain saw	$ 2,710.43
Alan McCullough, labor	723.73
A. C. Coburn, labor	688.64
Charles McCullough, labor, and with truck	1,520.44
Alfred Boardman, labor	273.05
Arlington Farnham, labor	12.07
Maurice McCullough, labor	37.50
Cecil Densmore, labor	324.66

Elwin Kendall, labor	178.24
Wendell Denison, labor	429.39
Kenneth Kennedy, labor	160.89
Vernon Hook, labor	86.02
Stanley Hook, labor	80.65
O. Fay Allen, Jr., renewal of bond	5.00
Arthur O'Donnell, per bill	27.50
Kenneth O'Donnell, per bill	39.60
Blacktop, Inc., cold patch	19.50
Chelsea Job Press, time sheets	2.70
Town Treasurer, Equipment Account, culvert	70.35
State Treasurer, Social Security	176.96
Vt. Tax Dept., State Withholding taxes	33.97
Internal Revenue Service, Federal W. H. taxes	217.50
	$ 7,818.79

Town Highways — Unselected

Receipts

State Treasurer	$ 16,842.95
Town's Share (balance of cost)	33.88
	$ 16,876.83

Orders Drawn

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck, shovel, chain saw	$ 3,359.45
Alan McCullough, labor	419.88
Maurice McCullough, labor	602.50
Cecil Densmore, labor	401.60
Kenneth Kennedy, labor	218.47
Wendell Denison, labor	424.02
Charles McCullough, man and truck	1,318.55
Warren Whitney, man and truck	1,207.50
Forrest Barnaby, man and truck	25.00
Richard Barnaby, man and truck	21.75
Don Orr, man and truck	430.00
Arthur Beede, man and truck	504.60
Stanley Davis, man and truck	504.60
Vernon Hook, labor	48.39
Alfred Boardman, labor	10.75
Paul Libby, man and truck	34.80
Town Treasurer, use of bulldozer	1,323.00
Town Treasurer, use of grader	273.60
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	4,124.15
Guy Moxley, 9,498 yds. gravel	949.80
Town Treasurer, 300 yds. crushed gravel	270.00
State Treasurer, Social Security	135.46

Vt. Tax Dept., State Withholding tax		37.66
Internal Revenue Service, Federal W. H. taxes		231.30
Total		$ 16,876.83

State Aid Highways

Receipts

Construction — Roads (Corinth Road)			
State Treasurer		$	2,698.68
Maintenance — Roads			
Dust laying:			
State Treasurer	$ 200.00		
Town's share (balance cost)	303.28		
		$	503.28
Resurfacing (Randolph Road):			
State Treasurer (2/3)	$ 323.50		
Town's share (1/3)	161.26		
		$	484.76
Retreatment (Brook Road):			
State Treasurer (2/3)	$ 1,173.33		
Town's share (1/3)	589.98		
		$	1,763.31
Total State Aid Highway Receipts		$	5,450.03

Maintenance — Dust Laying

Chemical Corp., calcium chloride	$ 377.29
Charles McCullough, hauling chloride	20.00
Dwight McCullough, labor, truck	40.25
Alan McCullough, labor	9.68
Warren Whitney, man and truck	45.00
Maurice McCullough, labor	9.68
State Treasurer, Social Security	1.38
	$ 503.28

Maintenance — Resurfacing

Dwight McCullough, truck, shovel	$ 88.93
Charles McCullough, labor and truck	77.99
Alan McCullough, labor	16.13
A. C. Coburn, labor	10.75
Town Treasurer, 322 yds. crushed gravel	289.00
State Treasurer, Social Security	1.96
	$ 484.76

Maintenance — Retreatment

Charles McCullough, man and truck	$ 91.20
Warren Whitney, man and truck	45.00
Dwight McCullough, man and truck	39.15
Colonial Sand & Gravel Co.,	50.32
Wells - Lamson Quarry Co., Inc.	263.08
Treasurer, State of Vermont	502.14
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc.	772.42
	$ 1,763.31

State Aid Highways

Disbursements

Construction — Roads	$ 2,698.68
Maintenance:	
Dust laying	503.28
Resurfacing	484.76
Retreatment	1,763.31
Total State Aid Highway Disbursements	$ 5,450.03

Summary of Orders Drawn

Construction

Dwight McCullough, labor, truck, shovel	$ 679.98
Alan McCullough, labor	86.02
Maurice McCullough, labor	198.44
Harry O'Donnell, labor	23.66
Charles McCullough, man and truck	485.10
Warren Whitney, man and truck	260.00
Cecil Densmore	118.02
Wendell Denison	166.68
State Treasurer, Social Security	37.06
Vt. Tax Dept., State W. H. taxes	6.12
Internal Revenue Service, Federal W. H. taxes	40.50
Town Treasurer, use of bulldozer	351.00
Town Treasurer, use of grader	81.60
Guy Moxley, 1,645 yds. gravel	164.50
	$ 2,698.68

Winter Roads

Receipts

State Treasurer, Town Highways	$ 1,304.78
State Treasurer, State Aid Highways	400.00
Town of Washington	85.00

Town's Share (balance cost)	1,300.46
	$ 3,090.24
Orders Drawn	$ 3,090.24

Orders Drawn

A. C. Coburn, labor	$ 21.51
Maurice McCullough, labor	111.33
Alan McCullough, labor	461.80
Charles McCullough, self and truck	497.43
Dwight McCullough, self, truck and shovel	1,134.09
Clarence Kennedy, labor	18.28
Stanley Hook, plowing driveway	25.00
Whitney & Lyman, plowing driveway	25.00
Wendell Dennison, labor	166.66
Donald Ramsey, labor	34.41
Guy Moxley, 570 yds. sand	57.00
Chemical Corp., salt	134.40
Town Treasurer, use of equipment	308.70
Director of Internal Revenue	17.60
Vt. State Treasurer, State W. H. tax	2.54
Vt. State Treasurer, Social Security	74.49
Total	$ 3,090.24

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

Receipts

Bal. Jan. 1, 1957		$ 4,675.64
Gen. Highway Acct., culvert		70.35
Town Highways		1,596.60
State Aid Highways		432.60
Winter Roads		308.70
Gen. Town Account		63.00
Bulldozing:		
Town of Tunbridge	$ 175.50	
Mildred Vaughn	18.00	
Franklin Burbank	54.00	
Warren Mattoon	72.00	
Sabin Densmore, Jr.	45.00	
Renfrew & Collins	10.00	
Barnaby Bros.	36.00	
A. Edwards & Sons	27.00	
E. Harold Colby	18.00	
Henry Ladd	4.00	
Clifford Hartwell	3.00	
Robert Burgess	72.00	

Miscellaneous	45.00	
		579.50
Use of Grader:		
Ralph Goodrich, Vershire Job	$ 204.40	
Herbert Lyford	4.80	
Wallace Braman	6.00	
Charles Burgess	87.00	
F. Ray Keyser, Sr.	42.00	
		344.20
Dwight McCullough, blade		1.00
Total		$ 8,071.59
Orders Drawn		11,741.52
Overdraft Dec. 31, 1957		$ 3,669.93

Disbursements

Grader		
Dwight McCullough, labor	$ 217.72	
Charles McCullough, labor	19.35	
Alan McCullough, labor	108.60	
Maurice McCullough, labor	38.61	
Wendell Dennison, labor	118.82	
Interstate Equip. & Supplies, parts	1,027.87	
Repairs	189.24	
Grader Blades	311.43	
Insurance	36.40	
		$ 2,068.14
Bulldozer		
O. Fay Allen, Jr., insurance		92.89
Fuel, Oil and Grease:		
Gas and oil	$ 601.64	
Grease	7.35	
		608.99
Truck Plow		
Lowell McLeod, steel	$ 2.55	
Parts	27.55	
		30.10
Trailer		
Dwight McCullough, labor	$ 151.21	
Alan McCullough, labor	164.40	
Maurice McCullough, labor	5.38	
Steel	64.10	
Dwight McCullough, parts	200.00	
Supplies and parts	280.03	

Insurance	19.00	
Miscellaneous	9.15	
		893.27

Equipment Purchased

Interstate Equipment & Supply Co., Brush saw and blades	$ 256.00	
Road signs	115.92	
		371.92

Notes and Interest

Repayment of interest	$ 273.30	
Orange Co. Bank payment on note	7,220.00	
		7,493.30
Paid in error from Gen. Account	$ 110.86	
Bank debit slip, 500 checks	4.50	
		115.36

Taxes Paid

Vt. State Treasurer, S. S. 19.95	$ 42.41	
Dir. Internal Revenue, F. W. T., 11.80	21.70	
Vt. State Treas., S. W. T., 2.07	3.44	
		67.55
Total		$ 11,741.52

Equipment Notes

Notes Jan. 1, 1957	$ 18,220.00
Notes paid	7,220.00
Notes Dec. 31, 1957	$ 11,000.00

Accounts Receivable

Lesly G. Smith Con. Co., Inc., use of grader	$ 748.80
Winter Roads Acct., use of grader	825.60
Winter Roads Acct., truck plow	129.00
Total	$ 1,703.40

OVERSEER'S REPORT — 1957

Total orders drawn		$ 7,188.46
Accounts repaid:		
By State of Vermont for:		
Forrest Ainsworth	$ 133.48	
Clarice Blanchard	175.70	
Alfred Buick	133.15	
Mattie J. Staples Hart	264.10	
Maxine Hilliker	346.02	
By Town of Tunbridge for:		

Eleanor Fifield		12.05	
Other accounts repaid		373.31	
Total repaid 1957 accounts			1,437.81
Older accounts repaid by State of Vermont for:			
Henry F. Charron	$	19.30	
Alfred J. Buick		348.63	
Frank Chandler		55.25	
Byron R. Downing		18.00	
Charles Fitzhugh		93.13	
Mattie J. Staples Hart		852.41	
By City of Barre for Raymond Plant		42.38	
By Town of Topsham for Lester Holmes		106.26	
By Estate of Harold Berry		1,322.55	
By Julius Whitehurst		150.00	
Total repaid older accounts			$ 3,007.91
Total all accounts repaid			$ 4,445.72
Net Cost to Town			$ 2,742.74

Orders Drawn

Ainsworth, Forrest	$ 270.17
Ashley, Bert	57.50
Blanchard, Arthur	39.72
Blanchard, Clarice	188.20
Buick, Alfred	133.15
Cahill, Francis	27.00
Coburn, Ralph	124.49
Danning, Harry	594.16
Dunbar, George	570.05
Duprey, Bettylou I.	56.30
Eaton, Fred	636.00
Fifield, Eleanor	12.05
Green, Elmer	9.00
Griffin, George, family	85.00
Hart, Matie	588.50
Hilliker, Maxine	356.52
Holmes, Hazel	370.80
Holmes, Lester	67.92
Jones, Marjorie	162.20
Lampson Surgical Supply Co.	34.79
Magoon, Marita	36.05
McKay, Adam	23.90
Merchant, Ella	208.00

Morey, Inez	10.00
Perkins, Erlene	60.24
Plant, Raymond	92.05
Pummer, Lillian	10.00
Slack, Herman	163.00
State of Vt., Dept. of Social Welfare	904.98
Underhill, Walter	915.16
Whitney, Minnievell	143.00
Wright, Shirley	231.56
Overpayment order No. 14 (refunded)	7.00
	$ 7,188.46

Families drawing Aid to Dependent Children during 1957 were Alma Dukette, Sylvia Miles, Winnifred Paul, Ruth Gardner and Phyllis Nisen.

Welfare accounts seem to be on the increase. Collections for past accounts now due Chelsea are much smaller than as of 1956, and expenses promise to be higher. At present I have three accounts for which Chelsea is liable which are in excess of $2,000.00 total, and anticipated costs in 1958 will undoubtedly climb.

WALTER L. KENNEDY,
Overseer.

ROBERTS POOR FUND

Disbursements for 18 persons or families	$ 659.69
Services of Board Members	40.00
	$ 699.69

ROBERTS POOR FUND — Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1957:	
In checking account	$ 120.99
In savings account	157.24
Interest on savings account	8.54
Refund overpayment of one account	1.95
Old Colony Trust Co.	740.00
Total Receipts	$ 1,028.72

Disbursements

Paid orders drawn by Board	$ 699.69
Balance Dec. 31, 1957:	
In checking account	71.30

In savings account	257.73
	$ 1,028.72

ESTHER E. SMITH, Treasurer.

Outstanding Order

No. 772 Dec. 9, 1957	$ 5.00

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The following new funds have been added this year:

Leonard A. West, Lot No. 397	$ 100.00
Robert Button, Lot No. 243	200.00
Olive Smith, Lot No. 43	100.00
Patricia M. Royce, Lot No. 294½	100.00
	$ 500.00

Orders Drawn by Chairman

Orlando Braman, labor	$ 573.75	
W. S. Gilman, Tax Collector	16.00	
		$ 589.75
Ernest Royce, labor		19.50
Arthur Bearor, labor		45.75
Ralph Marcott, labor		6.00
Edward Colby		2.75
Neil Kennedy, labor		15.00
Carroll Gauthier, labor		7.00
Howard Holcomb, labor		7.00
Melburn Mader, labor		1.00
Earle Thorne, labor		6.00
David Blakeney, labor		48.00
Wendell Dennison, labor		8.80
Alan McCullough, labor		8.80
Fred B. Sanborn, labor		362.09
Esther E. Smith, Treas., Int. rec'd. in error		2.50
Ellis Fay, tree removal		45.00
Kenneth McFarlane, hauling		5.00
Orange Co. Br. Bank, postage on bonds		.56
Chelsea Job Press, printing		19.35
Esther E. Smith, Treas.,	$ 25.00	
Esther E. Smith, postage	3.00	
		28.00
E. H. Colby, Supt.	$ 35.00	
E. H. Colby, supplies	67.72	
		102.72
Total		$ 1,330.57

Cemetery Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1957	$	360.89
Interest on U. S. Bonds and Bank Acct.		723.43
From individuals for care of lots		287.00
Town appropriation		400.00
Sale of lots		145.00
Use of tomb		10.00
Int. on Joel Ordway Fund, City Inst. for savings		8.63
Total Receipts	$	1,934.95

Disbursements

Paid orders	$	1,321.77
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1957	$	613.18
Outstanding order:		
No. 81 Dec. 27, 1957	$	8.80

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

By the Auditors

Total Trust Funds Jan. 1, 1957	$	26,364.07
Funds added per report		500.00
	$	26,864.07
Funds are invested as follows:		
U. S. Bonds	$	24,300.00
Savings Acct., O. C. Br. Bank		2,264.07
Savings Acct., interest		3.51
City Inst. for Savings, Lowell, Mass.		300.00
	$	26,867.58

HIGHLAND CEMETERY

During 1957 it was necessary to spend more money for mowing than in 1956. Two large maple trees in the middle of the cemetery were removed. More trees are becoming dangerous to be left standing. Some work to make a few more salable lots, planned for 1957, should be done in 1958. We recommend for 1958 an appropriation from the town of $400.00.

ESTHER E. SMITH,
E. HAROLD COLBY,
STANLEY C. WILSON,
EDWARD B. HATCH,
PERCY J. HEATH,
Commissioners.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR WEST HILL CEMETERY

Balance in O. C. Branch Bank, Jan. 1, 1957	$	187.42
Interest in O. C. Branch Bank		1.92
Interest on Gov't. Bonds		31.25
Cash on hand		1.00
1 Bond matured		100.00
Interest in Granite Savings Bank		30.09
Received, Mrs. Merrill L. Hayward, lot 38		10.00
Cash over Dec. 31, 1957 (due Harry Hayward)		1.88
	$	363.56
Paid L. B. Bove for lawn mower	$	121.20
Paid LaFrancis for mowing		50.00
Paid for brush killer		5.04
Bal. O. C. Branch Bank, Dec. 31, 1957		87.32
Deposited in Granite Savings Bank		100.00
	$	363.56

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Jan. 1, 1957	$	2,300.00
Trust Funds, Dec. 31, 1957		2,200.00
Trust Funds invested as follows:		
U. S. Bonds		1,200.00
Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co.		1,000.00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF THE HILAS E. ROBERTS CEMETERY FUND

Principal of Fund — $500.00		
Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1957	$	15.87
Rec'd. interest on savings account		.19
Rec'd. interest on U. S. Bonds		12.50
	$	28.56
Disbursements for care of Roberts lot		20.00
Balance in savings acc't. Dec. 31, 1957	$	8.56

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer.

TOWNSEND FUND FOR CARE OF STREET APPROACH TO HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Principal of Fund — $800.00

Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1957	$	54.88
Interest on savings account		1.19
Interest on U. S. Bond		20.00
	$	76.07
Paid for labor		23.50
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1957	$	52.57

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer.

ADA HALL JACKSON FUND FOR CARE OF TREES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE

Principal Fund — $500.00

Balance in savings acct. Jan. 1, 1957	$	56.47
Interest on savings account		1.49
Interest on U. S. Bond		12.50
Balance in savings acct. Dec. 31, 1957	$	70.46

No bills paid.

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

During 1957 the fire department was called to six chimney fires and the Byron Maynard house fire within the Fire District and to five chimney fires and the Leo Doyle barn fire within the Town but outside the Fire District.

The portable pump mentioned in the 1956 report has been purchased and given a trial. Two Scott Air-Paks have also been purchased and a Resusicitator has been donated by the Appalachian Sulphides Employes Welfare Club.

All this should enable the fire department to render rescue and first aid service. The Chelsea Fire Department phone number is Overland 5 - 2601. This number will get someone 24 hours every day either at my place or Orange County jail office.

I believe the town should contract to pay not less than $500.00 to the Fire District.

E. H. COLBY,
Fire Chief.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ALDEN SPEARE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year has been one of the library's most active years so far as circulation is concerned and it has been a year in which many, many new books have been added to our shelves. Through the generosity of Hon. E. Ray Speare, of Boston, Mass., the library has also been equipped with storm windows at a total cost of a little over $500.00. The oil-fired hot air heating system which he installed for us last year has been a great source of comfort to all who use the library.

The trustees are hopeful that more use of the library may be made by schools and students and much has been done in the way of building up a reference library with this in view.

O. FAY ALLEN, JR.,
RACHEL COMSTOCK,
DORIS HILL,
ESTHER SMITH,
DAVID STENDER,
Trustees.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Circulation for the year was 7,806.

There were 379 books added. Of these 118 were Adult Fiction; 63 Adult Non-fiction; 103 Juvenile Fiction and 95 Juvenile Non-fiction. 442 Adult and 179 Juvenile books were removed.

The Free Public Library Commission loaned 303 Adult and 330 Juvenile books to us.

There were 86 gifts of books from 32 people besides several magazines. Also money has been received to use in purchasing books.

Seven books were given in memory of Mrs. Maud Smith, Mrs. Lena Whitney, Mrs. Mimieirlle Whitney and Berthold Coburn.

The Woman's Club Book Club donated 13 books.

(Mrs.) INA J. STEVENS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Receipts

Balance in Bank Jan. 1, 1957	$	99.94
Town Appropriation		500.00
Income from Roberts Fund		235.00
Income from Braley Fund		24.60

Income from Stowe Fund	32.70	
Gifts	60.83	
Fines	14.72	
		$ 967.79
Expenditures		
Librarian	$ 200.00	
Assistants	114.00	
Books	209.63	
Periodicals	61.25	
Supplies	35.67	
Box rent and postage	6.00	
Insurance on contents	27.90	
Membership dues and Misc.	11.00	
Janitor service	103.00	
Fuel	137.33	
		905.78
		$ 62.01
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1957	$ 14.72	
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1957	47.29	
	$ 62.01	
		$ 967.79

E. RAY SPEARE LIBRARY

Special Fund

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1957	$ 608.89
Interest	3.12
Received special gift from E. Ray Speare	1,500.00
Sale of stove	25.00
	$ 2,137.01
Disbursements	1,570.28
Balance Dec. 31, 1957	$ 566.73

Summary of Disbursements

Books and periodicals	$ 364.33
Supplies	3.99
Improvements	574.41
Furnace	569.25
Librarian	50.00
Miscellaneous	8.30
	$ 1,570.28

LEASE LAND

Received for Parsonage Right

George Hayward	$	14.68
Cecil Thompson		10.00
Jesse Baldwin		6.02
David Novick		15.80
Total	$	46.50

Rent Due and Unpaid Dec. 31, 1957

Madeline Blakeney	$	13.02
David Blakeney		63.00
Total	$	76.02

Division of Parsonage Right Rentals

United Church	$	39.00
West Hill Church		19.50
	$	58.50

Received for School Rentals

Clinton Burbank	$	4.50
Flint Brothers		6.25
Harold Camp		1.00
Mrs. Florence Burgess		1.50
Richard Kennedy		3.00
I. S. Rushworth		11.00
Percy J. Heath		4.75
E. H. Colby		.75
Total (due school Dec. 31, 1957)	$	32.75

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT 1957

Jan. 1, 1957 Balance on hand	$	1.00
Town appropriation		100.00
	$	101.00

1 Gross U. S. Flags	$	18.75
Postage and Insurance		1.36
Memorial Day Expenses		46.75
12 Markers @ $2.65		32.80
Postage and Insurance		1.83
	$	101.49
Total Available		101.00
Overdraft	$	.49

Respectfully submitted,
MANLEY CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF DOGS LICENSED BY TOWN CLERK

184 dogs were licensed, including a kennel license for 10 dogs, and after all but three fees were deducted $383.75 was turned over to the Town Treasurer. There is an account payable of 3 fees totaling 75c to Esther E. Smith, Clerk.

BOARD OF TRADE FUND FOR CARE OF COMMONS

Board of Trade Bonds C3099260G and C3099259G of $100 each were cashed and final interest of $2.50 was received then. Also Common Funds Bonds.E176189F and E176190F of $25 were cashed and the total amount of $250 was deposited in a savings account in the O. C. Branch Bank in the name of the Town of Chelsea, interest from which will be withdrawn each year and credited to General Town Account.

ESTHER E. SMITH,
Treasurer

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is the twenty-second annual report which I have made to the citizens of Chelsea regarding state payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1957. The support and cooperation of town officers and people generally over this long period is gratefully acknowledged. We have some measure of responsibility for 12,000 individuals and annually spend about six million dollars.

The total number of recipients in all four programs has not changed substantially for several years. Due to the extension of Social Security, the number receiving Old Age Assistance has declined but those receiving Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled have increased. Supplementation of inadequate amounts of Social Security benefits is an increasing role of Public Assistance. Towns and cities participate financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation. In one state the recipient receives less than eighty-two cents out of the assistance dollar. In Vermont the recipient received ninety-six cents.

Old Age Assistance	$ 20,520.31
Aid to the Blind	756.00

Aid to Dependent Children*	4,375.00
Aid to the Disabled	1,302.00
Committed Children*	1,435.87
Total	$ 28,389.18

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

* ⅛ paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.
**½ paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF COOPERATIVE BLISTER RUST CONTROL WORK TOWN OF CHELSEA, VT. 1957

White Pine blister rust control work was continued in Chelsea in 1957 through the cooperation of the Town, the Vermont Dept. of Forests and Parks and the U. S. Forest Service.

Following is a summary of the 1957 work:

Total area eradicated of currants and gooseberries,	997 acres
White Pine protected	191 acres
Number wild currants and gooseberries removed	5965
Town expense for labor	$200.00
State and federal expense for labor	264.50

State and federal expenses for transportation, equipment, and supervision and mapping are not included above.

The 1957 season completed all blister rust needed in Chelsea at this time. A re-examination of the pine areas of the town is scheduled for 1963 when it may be that further work will be needed. Until that time town funds will not be requested.

The cooperation of the Town of Chelsea in this work has been very much appreciated.

Dept. of Forests & Parks
Montpelier, Vermont
December 5, 1957.

HUNTLEY PALMER,
District Leader.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES
Town of Chelsea, Vt.

"Taxes are the life-blood of a community. Diligence in collection is an essential to community fiscal health. Every tax delinquent not only shirks his own

municipal responsibility, but adds to the burden which his more conscientious neighbors must carry."

Vt. Handbook for Tax Collectors.

BALANCE SHEET
January 1, 1958
W. S. Gilman, Collector of Taxes

Year Tax Assessed	Uncollected Jan. 1, '57	Collected in 1957	Abated Dec. 27, '57	Uncollected Jan. 1, '58
1952 Polls	$ 10.50	$	$ 10.50	$
1953 Polls	10.61		10.61	
1953 Prop.	95.10	95.10		
1954 Polls	10.60	5.00		5.60
1954 Prop.	180.32	156.67		23.65
1955 Polls	102.60	57.00	34.20	11.40
1955 Prop.	648.46	538.85		109.61
1956 Polls	81.60	68.00		13.60
1956 Prop.	2,623.40	2,013.29		610.11
1957 Polls	6,004.80	5,904.00	14.40	86.40
1957 Prop.	55,277.00	52,941.91	65.80	2,269.29
Totals	$65,044.99	61,779.82	135.51	3,129.66

DELINQUENT TAXES
January 1, 1958

1	Ackerman, Gertrude		
	1954 Property	$ 1.90	
	1955 Property	2.11	
	1956 Property	2.15	
	1957 Property	2.35	
			$ 8.51
2	Austin, Ernest and Irene		
	1956 Property	$ 89.56	
	1957 Property	115.63	
			205.19
3	Bellefeuille, John and Shirley		
	1957 Property		131.60
4	Blakeney, Jessie		
	1957 Poll		14.40
5	Blakeney, David and Madeline		
	1957 Property		27.74
6	Brock, Wilfred		
	1954 Property		21.75
7	Brown, Harley and Dorothy		
	1957 Polls (2)		28.80

8	Coburn, Ralph and Anna		
	1957 Property		211.51
*9	Coburn, Athol and Beatrice		
	1957 Property		84.84
10	Citreon, Elsa and Elsa M.		
	1957 Property		47.00
11	Chelsea Lumber Co.		
	1956 Property	$ 64.00	
	1957 Property	150.40	
			214.40
12	Dacier, Alberta G.		
	1957 Property		87.51
13	Dailey, Eugene		
	1957 Property		9.40
14	Dickerman, Harold		
	1957 Property		30.53
*15	Downing, Harry and Lela		
	1957 Property		37.60
16	Goodrich, Joseph and Mae		
	1957 Property		103.40
17	Griffin, George and Evelyn		
	1955 Property	$ 15.80	
	1956 Property	60.20	
	1957 Property	65.80	
			141.80
18	Hayward, John and Edith		
	1956 Property	$ 55.20	
	1957 Property	65.80	
			121.00
19	Hook, Caroline		
	1957 Property		135.00
20	Holmes, Lester and Kathryn		
	1955 Property	$ 26.40	
	1956 Property	103.20	
	1957 Property	112.80	
			242.40
21	Hutchinson, Clyde and Verle		
	1957 Polls (2)		28.80
22	Johnson, Thomas B.		
	1955 Property	$ 65.30	
	1957 Property	76.62	
			141.92
23	Libby, Paul and Lillian		
	1957 Property		18.47
24	Luce, Ernest E.		

	1957 Property		32.90
25	Luce, Ernest and Harold		
	1957 Property		32.90
26	Lyford, Herbert and Gertrude		
	1957 Property		191.76
27	Moulton, Raymond and Electa		
	1957 Property		84.63
28	O'Donnell, Kenneth		
	1956 Property		90.73
29	Parker, Charles and Linda		
	1956 Property	$ 49.81	
	1957 Property	266.03	
			315.84
30	Plante, Raymond		
	1954 Poll	$ 5.60	
	1955 Poll	11.40	
	1956 Poll	13.60	
	1957 Poll	14.40	
			45.00
31	Pratt, Elmer and Olive		
	1957 Property		72.80
32	Reed, John A.		
	1957 Property		3.76
33	J. Renfrew, H. & H. Collins		
	1956 Property		95.26
34	Verge, Isadore and Monica		
	1957 Property		70.51

*Paid since audit.

Taxes Abated Dec. 27, 1957

1957 Property, Elmer Green	$	65.80
1957 Poll, Lawrence Lyon		14.40
1955 Polls, Robert and Jeanne Parker		22.80
1955 Poll, William Stone		11.40
1953 Poll, Byron Downing		10.61
1952 Poll, Byron Downing		10.50
	$	135.51

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

(Real Estate listed per listers' appraisal)

Real Estate:

Laird Farm	$ 1,060.00
Garage	1,500.00
Town Forest	50.00
Town Hall	10,000,00
Town Barn	50.00

Black Hawk property	500.00	
Goodwin Lot	500.00	
		$ 13,660.00
Dental Equipment	$ 200.00	
Office Equipment	1,000.00	
Town Hall Equipment	500.00	
Tools	100.00	
Grader, Plows and Equipment	10,500.00	
Sand Spreader	200.00	
Bulldozer	16,200.00	
Low Bed Trailer	700.00	
Brush Saw	170.00	
		29,570.00
Materials and Supplies:		
Wood at Town	$ 300.00	
Oil, grease, fuel oil	100.00	
2,800 yds. crushed gravel	2,380.00	
Bridge plank	75.00	
Wood at Garage	25.00	
Grader blades	150.00	
		3,030.00
Total		$ 46,260.00

Inventory of School Property

School Buildings:	
District No. 1	$ 1,000.00
District No. 2	4,000.00
District No. 9	1,000.00
Gymnasium	24,000.00
Agricultural Building	7,775.00
	$ 37,775.00
Equipment and Furniture	500.00
Books and Supplies	500.00
Total	$ 38,775.00

OUTSTANDING CHECKS

General Account

Dec. 20, 1957

No.		
539	John Rowell	$ 4.30
540	Richard Amadon	4.30
545	Wayne Spear	4.30
549	Kenneth Walker	2.15
553	Everett Spear	4.30

556	Robert Burgess		2.15
559	Charles Paul		2.69
563	Russell Bagley		27.95
Dec. 27, 1957			
578	U. V. M.		3.10
579	L. J. Fitts		43.99
584	George A. Edwards		39.10
Dec. 30, 1957			
589	Cecil Thompson		10.00
590	Daniel Campbell		2.00
594	Merle G. Colby		83.20
		$	233.53

Equipment Account

Dec. 21, 1957			
No.			
41	Hill - Martin Corp.	$	12.35
42	E. H. Colby		123.26
43	Dessureau Machine Shop		8.39
44	O. C. Branch Bank		3,000.00
45	Henry Gates		5.04
		$	3,149.04

General Highway Account

No.			
599	Dwight McCullough	$	9.77
600	Alan McCullough		8.60
601	Dwight McCullough		30.75
602	Chelsea Job Press		2.70
603	Town Treasurer		70.35
		$	121.42

Winter Roads

Dec. 28, 1957			
No.			
595	Dwight McCullough	$	14.66
596	Dwight McCullough, truck		33.75
597	Alan McCullough		20.43
598	Wendell Dennison		16.13
		$	84.97

Overseer of Poor

Dec. 10, 1957			
No.			
507	Boardway & Cilley	$	10.00

Annual Report

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Town School District

Chelsea, Vermont

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

July 1, 1956 — June 30, 1957

Comparative Debt Statement

Year ending June 30:		
1953		$ 11,496.86
1954		12,290.40
1955		10,277.96
1956		12,478.93
1957		13,610.53

Receipts

Receipts per Treasurer's book		$ 74,825.35
Orders drawn	$ 71,453.43	
Bank debit slip	297.00	
Outstanding Orders:		
July 1, 1956 — paid	1,685.45	
		73,435.88
Balance on hand June 30, 1957		$ 1,389.47

Summary of Expenditures

July 1, 1956 — June 30, 1957

Teachers' Salaries (after payroll deductions	$ 25,635.04
State Teachers' Retirement	1,499.62
Director Internal Revenue	2,833.55
Vermont Tax Dept.	499.76
Group Accident Ins. (withheld)	155.95
N. H. - Vt. Hosp. Service (withheld)	233.20
Social Security	124.47
Janitors' Salaries (after deductions)	2,725.38
Superintendent	1,274.33
School Directors (salary and supplies)	404.53
Transportation	3,484.41
Fuel	3,768.83
Repairs	526.45
Supplies	1,928.13
Text Books	1,005.73
Electricity	461.29
Telephone	115.73
Insurance	374.46
Borrowed money repaid and interest	20,287.09
Labor	87.50
Miscellaneous	* 3,826.83
Town of Chelsea, overpayment of 1956 school tax	201.15
	$ 71,453.43

*Of this amount:

$700.00 from '57 - '58 budget was for lighting and painting improvements in village school.

2,252.00 from '57 - '58 and '58 - '59 budgets was for boiler replacement in village school.

$622.79 was for special education to handicapped children.

$100.00 was for gas hot water heater in village school.

ITEMIZED EXPENSES
July 1, 1956 - June 30, 1957
Village School and Buildings

Teachers' Salaries (after deductions):		
High School	$ 11,117.87	
Elementary School	10,160.79	
		$ 21,278.66
Music Teacher		408.00
Janitors		2,697.88
Transportation:		
Vernon Hook	$ 493.00	
George Edwards	1,275.00	
Antoniette Taylor	680.00	
Cecil Thompson	59.50	
Vo-ag mileage	232.81	
Basketball (School Bd. share)	30.00	
Advertising for bids	13.39	
		2,783.70
Fuel		3,430.35
Electricity		331.36
Telephone		115.73
Total Village Schools		$ 31,045.68
Meadowbrook School		
Teachers' Salaries (after deductions)		$ 2,129.80
Transportation		700.71
Fuel		206.48
Electricity		82.89
Total Meadowbrook School		$ 3,119.88
West Hill School		
Teachers' Salaries (after deductions)		$ 1,818.58
Fuel		132.00
Janitor		37.50
Electricity		47.04
Total West Hill School		$ 2,035.12

All Schools
(Items not listed elsewhere)

School Directors	$ 404.53
Superintendent	1,274.33
State Teachers' Retirement	1,499.62
Vermont Tax Dept.	499.76
Group Accident Insurance	155.95
N. H. - Vt. Hosp. Service	223.30
Social Security	124.47
Repairs	526.45
Supplies	1,928.13
Text Books	1,005.73
Insurance	374.46
Borrowed money repaid and interest	20,287.09
Labor	87.50
Miscellaneous	3,826.83
Town of Chelsea, overpayment of 1956 school tax	201.15
Total	$ 35,252.75

Summary

Village School	$ 31,045.68
Meadowbrook School	3,119.88
West Hill School	2,035.12
All Schools	35,252.75
Total	$ 71,453.43

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
School Year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957
Receipts

Balance on hand July 1, 1956	$ 4,231.85
Town Tax	28,724.04
Brookhaven Home for Boys—payment in lieu of taxes	201.15
State Treasurer—State Aid	15,851.27
State Treasurer—Vocational agriculture	1,204.39
State Treasurer—Vocational equipment	130.02
Money Borrowed	20,000.00
Tuition	2,250.00
Old Colony Trust Co.,	1,480.00
County Treasurer—lease land rent	56.08
His'n - Her'n Club—projector	37.00
Insurance for lightning damage	57.00
Rent of Gym	10.80

Refunds:	
Interest on Gym note	297.00
Books	248.95
Telephone tolls	12.95
Sale of paper	32.85
Total Receipts	$ 74,825.35

Disbursements

Orders Paid (including orders outstanding June 30, 1956 of $1,685.45)	$ 73,435.88
Balance on hand June 30, 1957	$ 1,389.47

Reconciliation

Balance on hand June 30, 1957	$ 1,389.47
Outstanding orders June 30, 1957	1,319.81
Bank balance June 30, 1957	$ 2,709.28

Outstanding Orders July 1, 1957

Order No.	Check No.	Date	Payee	Amount
32	362	Feb. 27, 1957	Marion Button	$ 50.00
54	530	May 23, 1957	Jean Fitts	24.00
56	553	June 6, 1957	Jean Fitts	24.00
60	579	June 20, 1957	John E. Mocho	159.53
60	581	June 20, 1957	State Teachers' Ret.	435.00
60	582	June 20, 1957	Vt. State Treas.	47.15
60	583	June 20, 1957	Vt. Tax Dept.	145.55
60	584	June 20, 1957	Int. Rev. Service	278.60
61	585	June 28, 1957	C. Vt. Pub. Serv.	26.05
61	586	June 28, 1957	Wash. El. Co-op.	129.93
	Total			$ 1,319.81

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

Expenses — July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Teachers' Salaries (after deduction)	$ 11,149.98
Vermont Tax Department	296.20
Director Internal Revenue	1,633.40
Vermont Teachers' Retirement System	808.70
Social Security	75.21
Group Accident Insurance (withheld)	64.43
Insurance, N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization Service (withheld)	68.45
Janitors' Salaries (after deductions)	1,294.84
School Directors	29.52
Superintendent's Salary	1,111.20

Transportation	1,655.05
Fuel	758.25
Repairs and upkeep	* 1,763.47
Supplies	1,417.40
Text Books	1,064.45
Electricity	150.65
Telephone	68.67
Insurance	352.81
Borrowed Money repaid and Interest	20,199.99
Labor	103.53
Miscellaneous	** 814.63
Total	$ 44,881.03

*Some of the major items were:

Repair and cleaning 12 typewriters	$ 127.50
Gym building	210.49
Gym boiler	158.07
Main building, heating system and water system	316.47
Window shades, main building	74.63
Blackboard paint	55.55
Paint for agriculture building roof	31.65
Repairs main building roof	64.35
Science laboratory	375.92
No. 9 School water system and waterhouse	59.75
No. 1 School insulating ceiling, playground equipment and lightning damage to heating system	145.50

**Of this amount $686.24 was for special education to handicapped children.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1 to December 31, 1957
Receipts

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1957	$ 1,389.47
Town School Tax	32,116.84
Brookhaven — per trust deed	229.50
Money borrowed	5,000.00
State Treasurer, State Aid	18,563.35
State Treasurer, Voc. - Agric.	466.28
Town of Vershire, tuition	225.00
Transportation, from individuals	198.30
Fire insurance claim	53.00
Refunds	103.93
Rent of typewriter	6.00

Supt. Cheney	27.50
	$ 58,379.17

Disbursements

Total Orders Paid	$ 44,881.03
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1957	$ 13,498.14

SCHOOL ACCOUNT
Outstanding Orders

Check No.				
637	Sept.	26	Wendell Lyman	$ 1.00
824	Dec.	9	Frances B. Ladd	270.09
831	Dec.	9	H. Wm. Scott	20.00
844	Dec.	19	Teachers' Retirement	808.70
847	Dec.	19	Internal Revenue	375.00
848	Dec.	19	Vermont Tax Dept.	206.18
849	Dec.	19	Vermont State Treasurer	29.79
851	Dec.	28	R. F. Billings	167.97
852	Dec.	28	Central Vt. Public Serv. Corp.	51.25
853	Dec.	28	Whitcomb Supply Co.	6.85
854	Dec.	28	School Service Co.	2.76
855	Dec.	28	California Test Bureau	18.05
856	Dec.	28	Shawnee Press Inc.	10.20
857	Dec.	28	Continental Press Publications	53.63
858	Dec.	28	Arthur H. Cheney	15.90
859	Dec.	28	J. I. Holcomb	22.98
860	Dec.	30	Vermont State Treasurer	4.86
				$ 2,065.21

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' EXPENSE BUDGETS

	1957-58	1958-59
Teachers' Salaries	$ 31,500.00	$ 36,700.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,935.00	3,050.00
School Directors' (salaries and supplies)	450.00	500.00
Superintendent	1,700.00	1,860.00
Music	750.00	750.00
Transportation	3,450.00	3,700.00
Fuel	4,500.00	4,500.00
Repairs and upkeep	1,500.00	1,135.00
Supplies	1,200.00	1,500.00
Text Books	700.00	1,100.00
Library		75.00
Electricity	600.00	600.00

Telephone	125.00	125.00
Insurance	300.00	350.00
Labor	100.00	200.00
Interest	250.00	200.00
Special Education	650.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	400.00	400.00
Boiler Replacement	2,252.00	
Social Security		75.00
No. 9 Repairs		625.00
Deficit		1,200.00
	$ 53,362.00	$ 59,345.00

School Directors' Estimated Receipts
1958 - 1959

State Treasurer, State Aid	$ 19,500.00
State Treasurer, Vo.-Ag. refund	1,200.00
Tuition	2,000.00
Roberts Fund	1,500.00
Lease Land Rents	50.00
Sale of Paper	45.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
To be raised by Town Taxes	35,000.00
	$ 59,345.00

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

A budget report has been included so that the '57-'58 and '58-'59 expense budgets may be compared. You will notice that the total budget has increased considerably, therefore, a school tax rate of $5.60 will be necessary.

The major part of the increase is due to teacher salary increases which in most cases is required by State legislation.

It appears evident that our two rural schools will be used for many years or until Chelsea builds another building in the village or closes its high school. Therefore, we must consider some major improvements in our rural school buildings. There is no school building being used within many miles that is in such poor condition as the No. 9 building. Lights are needed, the heating system is inadequate and the building needs painting. The lighting at No. 1 is also far from adequate. In all fairness to the pupils in our rural schools, repairs should be made. Please note the budget.

A sizeable portion of the amount budgeted for

"repairs and upkeep" will be used for typewriters in the high school commercial department. The present machines are in below average condition, therefore, a few typewriters must be swapped for new ones each year or else twelve new machines will have to be purchased during one year in the near future.

Income to offset the expense of the new boiler installed in the main building a year ago is being divided between the '57-'58 and '58-'59 years as voted at the 1957 town meeting. This accounts for the "deficit" item in the budget.

During the past year several repair jobs were done, the major projects being listed in the School Directors' Expense Report.

Much credit and thanks should go to the "Chelsea School Improvement Committee" and all the individuals, organizations, clubs, the C. H. S. Alumni Association, the C. H. S. Student Council and others who donated money, supplies, labor, ideas, etc., to the various projects of the Improvement Committee. The hallways and four elementary classrooms were painted and florescent lights were installed. Desks were purchased for the 5th and 6th grade room. Bookcases were built for all four rooms. A wash sink was installed in the 1st and 2nd cloakroom. A new ceiling and florescent lights were installed in the high school studyhall. The Principal's office received a much needed "facelifting."

If the school board had carried out all of the projects accomplished by this committee with the same voluntary labor, an additional 48 cents on the tax rate would have been needed. A financial report of the "Chelsea School Improvement Committee" follows this report.

Agreements were arrived at for the present school year whereby the School Board obtained ownership of school busses for two of the transportation routes. All expenses, with exception of insurance, for operating the busses and routes were contracted. Under this arrangement, all laws are complied with, more students receive transportation and the net cost to the town is about the same as for the previous school year. High school students from thirteen different families pay the town for their transportation.

The operational cost of educating our elementary

students is low when compared to several surrounding towns for the '56-'57 school year. Our cost per elementary pupil was the lowest of all towns compared. We are also unable to find any high school in this area of the State which is educating a high school student for less money than Chelsea. What this proves, of course, is debatable.

The cooperation and understanding among the faculty members, superintendent, school board, students, parents and townspeople have been very good during the past year. It is this kind of teamwork that makes an educational system produce at a high rate of efficiency. Chelsea can continue to improve its town school system, only if the present fine cooperation and understanding by all concerned continue to exist.

I. S. RUSHWORTH,
R. R. ROGERS,
G. V. FARR,
School Directors.

CHELSEA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Financial Statement—January 21, 1958

Number of persons who donated money to the project: 66

Total amount of subscriptions	$	2,916.35
School Board for one room		700.00
Money earned on suppers and food sale		76.00
Sale of old desks		12.75
Refunds		4.86
Total Amount	$	3,700.96

Total Expenditures for the Project

Paper, postage and envelopes	$	15.00
Lights		1,762.03
Fixtures, wire and electrical equipment		248.30
Labor		557.63
Paint		263.37
Desks		105.00
Lumber for shelves in the lower grades		47.00
Piano for the primary room		30.00
Material used to install sink in primary room		47.22
Two chairs for the principal's office		30.00
Installing ceiling and labor in High School		

Assembly room	583.45
Total Expenditures	$ 3,689.00
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1958	$ 11.96

About 40 people gave their time to help paint the lower rooms which amounted to about 600 hours of labor, also about 50 hours of labor was given on other work on the project.

Respectively submitted,
EDITH BURGESS,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Board of School Directors and Citizens of Chelsea:

This report is for the school year ending June 30, 1957, and is a part of the report of the Board of School Directors required by law.

The four-teacher elementary school in the village and two one-teacher schools were each maintained for 170 days. One hundred eighty-four pupils were enrolled with an average daily attendance of 162.09. The average cost per pupil for the elementary schools was 170.10. Forty-two elementary pupils were transported at an average cost of $82.96.

The four-year senior high school was maintained for 175 days. There were sixty-four pupils enrolled, eleven of whom were non-residents. The average daily attendance of resident pupils was 50.33. The average cost per pupil in the high school was $316.98. The percentage of attendance in the elementary and high schools was 95.57.

I would like to express my appreciation to the School Improvement Committee and Citizens of Chelsea for the improvements in the Village School. It is much easier for the pupils to attend a school that is well-lighted and freshly painted.

I am grateful to the Woman's Club for sponsoring the fine school lunch program, and to other organizations, parents, Board of School Directors, teachers, and citizens for their support.

ARTHUR H. CHENEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1957

Paid on note at Bank	$ 1,200.00
Interest paid	594.00
Town Treasurer, overpayment taxes	5.85
	$ 1,799.85

I. S. RUSHWORTH,
Chairman.

GYMNASIUM ACCOUNT TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Bank balance Jan. 1, 1957	$ 742.16
Town taxes	1,574.36
Brookhaven, paid per trust deed	11.25
	$ 2,327.77

Disbursements

Orders paid	$ 1,799.85
Bank balance Dec. 31, 1957	$ 527.92

Gymnasium Account Financial Statement

December 31, 1957

Assets

Bank balance Dec. 31, 1957		$ 527.92

Liabilities

Note payable Jan. 1, 1957	$ 19,800.00	
Paid in 1957	1,200.00	
Total Liabilities		$ 18,600.00
Excess Liabilities over Assets		$ 18,072.08

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Births

Birth records arriving too late for last year's report:

1956

Jan. 21—Priscilla Elizabeth Wright, daughter to Robert Wayne and Iva Mae (Gifford) born in Barre.
Feb. 19—Carol Ellen Keyser, daughter to Frank Ray, Jr., and Joan (Friedgen).
Feb. 22—Victor Allan Duprey, son to Eugene Harold Duprey and Betty Lou Isabelle (Sanborn).
Mar. 8—Edward George Hatch, son to Willard Frederick Hatch and Doreen Nora (Morey).
Mar. 10—Valerie Edwards, daughter to Joseph Arin Edwards and Rita Theresa (Krzywsinski).
Apr. 16 Andrew John Doyle, son to Merlin Thomas Doyle and Alice Mary (Taplin).
May 11—Diana Lynn McCullough, daughter to Maurice Gordon McCullough and Beverly Jean (Rogers).
May 16—David Walker Wilkinson, son to James Edgar Wilkinson, Jr., and Betty Irene (Walker).
May 20—Steven Harry McCullough, son to Alan Harry McCullough and Jean Marilyn (Sprague).
May 26—Clayton Lawrence Lyford, son to Charles Lewis Lyford and Cintra (Darling).
June 20—Kenneth Calvin Campbell, son to Daniel Albert Campbell and Eleanor Jeanette (Royce).
June 28—Wayne Alan Hook, son to Clyde Lowell Hook and Bettyann Marlene (LaFrancis).
July 10—Eugene Wayne Woodworth, son to Clayton Elmer Woodworth and Arlene Rose (Wagner).
July 15—Patty Louise Ainsworth, daughter to Forrest Robert Ainsworth and Helen Avis (Flint).
July 17—Gerald Harmon Felch, son to Neal Allen Felch and Janice Marcia (MacKeil).
July 18—George Lester Button, son to George Lester Button, Sr., and Amy Beatrice (Nichols).
Aug. 10—Willis Sidney Gilman, son to Warren Sidney Gilman and Marion Leona (Parker).
Aug. 27—Esden James Coburn, son to Donald Athol Coburn and Marion Lestena (Renfrew).
Sept. 7—Ernest Edward Wittman, son to Adolph O. Wittman and Dorothy Kitty (Royce).
Sept. 26—Gary Fred Braman, son to Howard Arthur

Wittman and Mae Ethel (Payne).
Oct. 29—William Peter Blanchard, son to Edwin Oliver Blanchard and Clarice Jane (Moncrief).
Oct. 30—George Earl Metcalf, son to Charles Earl Metcalf and Alice Emeline (Higgins).
Oct. 7—Janet Marie Cahill, daughter to Francis Robert Cahill and Pauline Inez (Morey).
Nov. 8—Robin Armand Allen, son to Lawrence Abed Allen and Agnes Mary (Welch).
Nov. 16—Wendell Arthur Denison, Jr., son to Wendell Arthur Denison and Emma (Green).
Dec. 11—Pamela Jean Hayward, daughter to Harold Frederick Hayward, Jr., and Helen Blanche (Scott).
Dec. 30—Lee Cole Burgess, son to Robert Charles Burgess and Barbara Alice (Naef).

1957

Jan. 4—Charles MacCaline Collins, son to Henry John Collins and Hilda Louise (Renfrew).
Jan. 21—Clay William Tucker, son to Lee Clyde Tucker and Vivian Irene (Lyon).
Jan. 24—Arnold Wayne Braman, son to Walter Edward Braman and Lorraine Beulah (Ricker).
Jan. 26—Theresa Anne Duprey, daughter to Eugene Harold Duprey and Betty Lou Isabelle (Sanborn).
Feb. 10—Gary Arthur O'Donnell, son to James Glenn O'Donnell and Katherine Hope Ruth (Morey).
Mar. 2—Diana Lyn Melvin, daughter to William Beattie Melvin and Donna Mae (Lyon).
Mar. 8—Annette Bella Beard, daughter to Harlan Clyde Beard and Lucille Jane (Bigras).
Mar. 26—Dean Thomas Martin, son to Hollister Eugene Martin and Vida Marguerite (Kennedy).
April 5—Melody Myrle Metcalf, daughter to Raymond Paronto Metcalf and Wilma Ann (Eddy).
April 23—Audrey Lynn Boardman, daughter to Alfred Kennette Boardman and Phyllis Arline (Mattoon).
April 24—Brenda Jean McFarlane, daughter to Kenneth Owen McFarlane and Bessie Mae (Blanchard).
May 2—Kevin Archie Braman, son to Wallace Perkins Braman and Elaine Flagg (Wilson).
May 29—Teresa Marie Blanchard, daughter to Arthur Warren Blanchard and Phyllis Rita (Coburn).
June 6—Frank Ray Keyser, III, son to Frank Ray Keyser, Jr., and Joan (Friedgen).
June 8—Randal Jay Farr, son to Gordon Volney Farr

and Helen Blanche (Drew).
June 13—Ralph Earle Walker, son to Kenneth John Walker and Sylvia Elaine (Durkee).
June 13—Jean Anne Hayward, daughter to Merrill Lyman Hayward and Bertha May (Rabine).
Aug. 13—Edgar Steven Perkins, son to Carl Raymond Perkins and Marcia Adella (Hook).
Sept. 12—Patrick Keith Dunphy, son to Melvin Lewis Dunphy and Shirley Ann (Boucher).
Sept. 17—Steven Richard Knudsen, son to Richard Otto Knudsen and Grace Ruby (Hayward).
Sept. 19—Dale Maurice Kennedy, son to Roy Eugene Kennedy and Margaret Ann (Bicknell).
Oct. 14—Robert Arthur Lyon, son to Richard Arthur Lyon and Verner Lillian (Roberts).
Oct. 14—Sharon Marie Adams, daughter to Richard Harold Adams and Martha Ann (Lyons).
Oct. 23—Millicent Ethel Bowin, daughter to Guy Wilford Bowin and Esther Arlana (Bicknell).
Nov. 15—Gregory Wayne Lyon, son to William Richard Lyon and Doris Elizabeth (Taplin).
Nov. 26—Susan Lynn Kennedy, daughter to Ernest Harry Kennedy and Sadie Ellen (Parshley).
Dec. 7—Bruce Nelson Hook, son to Clyde Lowell Hook and Bettyann Marlene (LaFrancis).
Dec. 20—William Cyrus Royce, Jr., son to William Cyrus Royce and Patricia Louise (Melvin).
Dec. 22—Joy May Coburn, daughter to Donald Athol Coburn and Marion Lestena (Renfrew).

Deaths
1957

Jan. 4—Ralph Oliver Lyon, age 69 yrs.
Jan. 15—Lena Whitney, age 80 yrs.
Jan. 25—Agnes Maude Smith, age 80 yrs.
Feb. 14—Charles Frances Button, age 83 yrs.
Feb. 19—James C. Kennelly, age 59 yrs.
Mar. 15—Stella Belle Russell, age 46 yrs.
Mar. 18—Clyde Archival Beard, age 57 yrs.
Mar. 22—Eugene Harold Duprey, age 23 yrs., in Barre.
April 8—Bertha Underhill, age 80 yrs. in Cornish, N. H.
April 14—Virgil Coddington, age 76 yrs., in Barre.
May 23—Tyde Pauline Green, age 59 yrs.
May 25—Harry R. Wishart, age 69 yrs., in Burlington, Vt.

June 15—Frank Alman Ordway, age 84 yrs.
June 23—Bert Ashley, age 88 yrs., in Hanover, N. H.
July 9—Henry Clarke, age 86 yrs., 6 mos., 16 days, in Newburgh, N. Y.
July 19—Hazel Emilie Holmes, age 56 yrs., in Burlington, Vt.
July 28—Harry Downing, age 69 yrs.
Aug. 7—Minnieville Whitney, age 95 yrs.
Aug. 23—Emily Campbell, age 82 yrs.
Oct. 12—Arthur Byron Carr, age 82 yrs.
Nov. 11—Lena Julia Dashner, age 72 yrs.
Nov. 17—Mamie Fletcher, age 67 yrs.
Dec. 16—Margaret Jane McFarlane, age 88 yrs.

Marriages

Received too late for 1956 report.

Sept. 24, 1955—Harold Cecil Dickerman of Chelsea, Vt., and Ruth Mary Elizabeth Hoyt of Barre, Vt.

1957

Feb. 23—Richard Arthur Lyon of Chelsea, Vt., and Verna Lillian Roberts of Danville, Vt.
Mar. 21—Leon Edward McKinney of Hardwick, Vt., and Janice Edith Griffin of Chelsea, Vt.
Apr. 19—William Richard Lyon of Chelsea, Vt., and Doris Elizabeth Taplin of Tunbridge, Vt.
May 15—George F. Griffin, Jr., of Chelsea, Vt., and Valdah Jane Hyde of Tunbridge, Vt.
June 15—John Merrill Young of Glenside, Penn., and Lois May Wilson of Chelsea, Vt.
June 22—Lawrence Walter Lyon of Chelsea, Vt., and Beverly Ardella Kennedy of Barre, Vt.
July 4—Charles Richard McCullough and Sarah Elizabeth Metcalf, both of Chelsea, Vt.
July 5—Joseph E. Lavelle of Ashland, Mass., and Leone T. Paris, also of Ashland, Mass.
Aug. 12—John Richard Kennedy and Cecelia West Mathers, both of Chelsea, Vt.
Aug. 16—Malcolm Arthur Hayward of Corinth, Vt., and Jean Mildred Lafley of Chelsea, Vt.
Aug. 22—Allen Hovey Flint of Braintree, Vt., and Lois Helen Reed of Chelsea, Vt.
Sept. 7—John Andrew Reed and Effie Mary Foley Porter, both of Chelsea, Vt.

17. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from taxes those buildings used and occupied exclusively as farm buildings, homes and dwelling houses whether for sale or rent, and constructed or put in the process of construction during the twelve months immediately following this meeting, and if so, what amount of the appraised value will be exempt not exceeding $5,000.00 and the duration of such exemption not exceeding 5 years,

18. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to contract with Chelsea Fire District No. 1 for fire protection of buildings and other property of the town outside said Fire District and within the town for the year beginning April 1, 1958.

19. To see if the Town will authorize the Auditors to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town.

20. To see if the town, acting under the provisions of Section 5 of No. 219 of the Acts of 1957, will vote to abolish the quadrennial appraisal of real estate which otherwise will be required to be made beginning June 1 this year.

21. To see if the town will vote to rescind its vote previously taken to assess and collect taxes assessed upon the ratable polls of the town as a single tax only as to the due date thereof and, if so, to see if the town will vote to make such taxes due June 15.

22. To vote on these questions:

Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?

Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?

23. To transact any other proper business.

GEORGE A. EDWARDS,
LYMAN J. FITTS,
ARTHUR C. BUTTON,
Selectmen.

Not official.

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Chelsea are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Chelsea on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1958, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles:

1. To choose a moderator and town clerk.

2. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.

3. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to appoint a road commissioner, and if so, whether one or two shall be appointed.

4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

5. To choose the town school district officers for the ensuing year.

6. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise for the maintenance of schools.

7. To see what amount of tax the town school district will raise to retire the debt on the school gymnasium.

8. To see what amount of tax the town will raise for the maintenance of highways.

9. To raise money to pay the town's indebtedness and current expenses for the ensuing year.

10. To see if the town will authorize its selectmen to borrow money from time to time when necessary to carry on the business of the town.

11. To see if the town will vote to place its tax bills in the hands of the Town Treasurer for collection.

12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.

13. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, and if so, how much.

14. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the support of the Chelsea Public Library, and if so, how much.

15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the suitable marking of War Veterans' graves for Memorial Day, and if so, how much.

16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for Highland Cemetery, and if so, how much.

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